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Major scours Europe for deal on ERM

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major today embarks on a round of shuttle diplomacy in the conviction that he can persuade other European leaders to accept amendments to the exchange-rate mecha-nism, despite the apparent rebuff of his plans for fundamental changes by the other meeting with Norman in Brussels on

Mr Major's first port of call will be Paris, where he will spend 90 minutes with President Mitterrand before returning to London for a working dinner with Den-mark's premier Poul Schluter. He also plans to meet or speak to other EC leaders, including German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in the run-up to the special summit on Europe's future in Birmingham on October 16. Chancellor Kohl

UK toll in air crash rises to 37

AN INTERNATIONAL lieves it will know the precise cause of the Pakistani Airbus A300 crash by the end of the week.

It was confirmed yesterday that of the 167 people on board killed in the crash, 37 were British. The investigators studied flight recorders salvaged from the wreckage in the foot-hills of the Himalayas a few miles short of Kathmandu airport and errors by the crew are expected to be blamed for the crash

Yesterday, bodies were being removed from the charred debris of flight PK268 and taken to a makeshift mortuary. At least 30 relatives of the victims have accepted an offer from Pakistan International Airline to fly to Nepal today. In Karachi, officials of the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority said the airline would pay compensation of between £5,800 and £44,000 to the

family of each victim. Besides the missionaries Andrew and Helen Wilkins and their children. Britons aboard included some well-known mountaineers, the poet Dominic Sasse, a doctor and two psychiatrists. The Foreign Office said last night that only three-quarters of the victims' next of kin had been informed. A full list would be issued once all the families had been told.

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yesterday criticised what he said were rumours circulating about Franco-German plans for a "two-speed Europe". "We want Britain to be with us, we want a Europe of 12, we do not want a two-speed Europe," he said. The prime minister's appar-

ent hardening of his stance against Britain's re-entry into the ERM appears to be an attempt to appease the growing Euro-scepticism within the Conservative party, while maintaining his commitment to press ahead with the Maas-

tricht treaty.
John Major brushed aside the reluctance of other European leaders to reform the ERM and made clear that Britzin would not rejoin the system in the immediate future. He confidently predicted that he could persuade the other members to acknowledge the need for reform as he starts a series of talks with his EC counterparts today. He was not going to be distracted by "froth and bubbles".

One official commented: The line he is taking is that he sees little prospect of a return to the ERM without fundamental changes but that he remains honour bound to ratify Maastricht." However, the official admitted that there was "something of an impasse" since other EC minisenthusiasm for a root-andbranch reappraisal of the

The French government remains officially committed to helping Britain ratify the treaty and publicly opposed to contingency planning for a "two-speed" Europe. But the tone of vesterday's French

media comment, inspired by hints from government sources, reflected rising impatience with a British govern-ment suspected of indifference to the fate of the treaty. Today's meeting will not take matters much further since Paris, along with other Euro-pean capitals, is well aware that the next moves on the treaty depend on decisions in

Denmark and Britain. In London yesterday Mr Major denied that Britain's European partners had blocked his initiative for reforming the ERM. "There will be work done on the exchange-rate mechanism. We have made our position perfectly clear. It is self evident that at present it has been shown that the exchange rate mechanism has what I call fault lines in it and those fault lines need to be addressed."

He went on: "I know that, our European partners know that and they will acknowledge that and work will need to be done on that and that will take some time. It is perfectly clear that we cannot go back in to the exchange rate mechanism in the immediate

When asked about Lord Tebbit's anti-EC comments on Monday, Mr Major said: "I am going to deal with the substantive issues that are in sibility. This is a time for a clear cool and careful calculation of what the British interest is. I am not going to be distracted by froth and

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New leader points the way to political power



Fighting talk: John Smith in Blackpool demanding that the prime minister apologise to the British people for betraying their trust

Smith revels in Tories' disarray

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Smith yesterday pledged the Labour party to the pursuit of power as he mercilessly exploited the government's handling of the sterling crisis and accused the prime minister of

humiliating Britain. In an address intended to present impatient to get into Downing Street, Mr Smith said he did not wish to lead for long a party of Opposition. "I was elected to lead a party of government."

And in a clear warning to a government embattled by divisions over Europe and defending only a 21vote majority, he said Labour would be a fighting Opposition. "We will relentlessly challenge every attempt by

this government to inflict further damage on the fabric of our society. But at the same time in every week of every month we will be working and

preparing for government."

He devoted much of his first leader's speech at the Labour conference to a fierce personal assault on John Major, telling him to apologise to the British people for the betrayal of Major for the dole queues, poverty and repossessions, Mr Smith declared. As prime minister and in his previous ministerial posts he had designed and delivered disaster. It was all his own work.

Although much of his 50-minute speech amounted to a manifesto of his vision and determination to tackle Britain's ills, Mr Smith revelled in the

government's disarray. Confronted with a crisis of their own creation "we saw a government gripped by indecision, paralysed by fear, and a prime minister plodding on to disaster", he said. "John Major had only one policy - to wait and see what happened. The result was total humiliation. Not only for himself and his government. He has humiliated Britain.

dreamed of toppling the Deutschmark carries the responsibility for the single most disastrous day in our postwar economic history. The people are entitled to be angry — the cynical deceit of the Tory election campaign. the easy promise that all the economy needed was the reassurance of a Tory victory - all now exposed in the harsh light of the real world." He went on:

"What we have seen is the devaluation not just of a currency but of a prime minister and an entire government.*

Mr Smith delighted his audience. He dubbed Mr Major and Norman Lamont as the Laurel and Hardy of British politics. Although his speech lacked the fire of his predecessor, it was warmly praised last night by all sections of the party.

Denvering a stror his pro-Europeanism, he criticised Mr Major for taking Britain to the edge of Europe. "The opt-out prime minister is leading a do-nothing government off the European stage. So much for being at the heart of Europe."

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Taylor fears judges will be seen as 'going soft'

legal correspondent
THE Lord Chief Justice yesterday launched a strong attack on the government's new sentencing policy, complain-ing that both judges and the public would have misgivings over the courts' lack of power to deal with persistent offenders.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth also gave a warning of a bulging prison population if judges did not impose shorter sentences under the Criminal Justice Act, which comes into force tomorrow.

At the first press conference by any senior sitting judge. Lord Taylor said it was not for judges to be "happy" or otherwise with the principles of the act: it was their task to apply them. But he added: "Not only judges, but the public, will have some misgivings about a regime in which the previous ecord and number of offences



Taylor: attack on new sentencing rules

committed are minimised to the extent which this act does." The act is designed to cut the number of minor offenders sent to prison while imposing tougher penalities for violent and sexual offenders. But it has been criticised for being unclear, particularly in the secton that outlines sentencing criteria. Lord Taylor said that interpretation "of various loosely worded clauses" would have to await guidelines from the Court of Appeal, as groups of cases

came up.

Under the act, judges were entitled to take into account one other offence, but not a whole string of them, he said. The aim was to stop judges aggregating a line of minor offences to impose a more severe sentence. "But members of the public may feel that if someone commits 135 offences of a particular kind, it may seem somewhat strange if judges can only take account of one of them, as well as the one they are sentencing on."

Another potential problem was that the act could increase the prison population. "If Continued on page 16, col 1

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V2 'celebration' goes ahead

From Ian Murray in bonn

FOUR days of activities to mark the 50th anniversary of the first successful V2 launch are to go ahead in Peenemunde after all, even though the German government has withdrawn its sponsorship.

The unofficial event is now being backed by DASA, the German space and armaments company, and organised by the space centre museum in the village. The actual anniversary of the flight is on Saturday, which coincides with German unification day, but the planned programme is to begin tomorrow and continue through the

weekend. Events planned include speeches, contemporary newsreel films, readings and panel discussions.

Peter Profe, the museum's director, said yesterday that criticism of the occasion was "a huge misunderstanding". There had never been any intention of celebrating the construction of Hitler's weapon, he said. The only point had been to mark the dawn of

modern space technology. During the different events panels would discuss the use of the Vergeltungswaffe 2 (retaliation weapon) as an instrument of terror and there would be no attempt to hide the fact that the rocket caused many

Among those invited to attend the ceremonies are former V2 engineers and slave labourers. An RAF representative has also been asked, but none is being sent in an official capacity. "If anyone goes he will definitely not be representing the RAF," a British spokesman said.

Herr Profe said he expected about 2,000 visitors at the event and he was sure there would be no protests."I can't think who would want to protest," he said.

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The Football Association is to tackle Vinnie Jones, the Wimbledon player, on his role in a video about violence and cheating. Jones is likely to be suspended for bringing the game into

4,000 more jobs to be axed

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

ANOTHER bad day for British industry saw thousands of jobs lost in both the private and public sectors. The biggest cut was made by the Ministry of Defence, which dropped 2,000 jobs from its former research and development departments to save £90million a year.

Stores giant Sears, North-ern Telecom, Pirelli Cables and Independent Television News revealed plans to cut jobs. Today's total of over 4,000 adds to the 6,000 job cuts announced last week.

The proposed MoD redundancies were announced by John Chisholm, the chief executive of the Defence Research Agency which took over the running of four nonnuclear research sites in April last year. The agency, which employs more than 10,000, has been trying to reduce its annual operating costs of £800

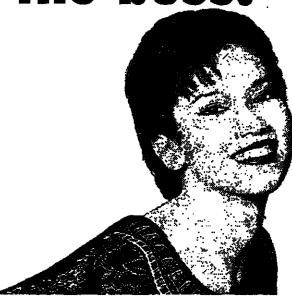
A total of 1,800 jobs are under threat at British Shoe Corporation, which is to close 350 shops, operating under the Dolcis, Saxone and Free-man Hardy & Willis names, over the next three years.

Around a third of the workforce employed by BSC is part-time, working only on Saturdays. Many of the curs will be by natural wastage.

Northern Telecom said 400 jobs will go from factories in Northern Ireland, south Wales and Essex. Pirelli Cables is to axe almost 300 jobs by closing its plant at Bishopstoke in Hampshire. ITN is to shed 112 technical and administrative jobs.

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A hospital described by the prime minister yesterday as a model of efficient customer service has announced ward closures and the cancellation of all non-urgent surgery (Douglas Broom writes). The 640-bed Llandough hospital at Penarth. near Cardiff, was one of 36 public-service organisations to win the first Charter Mark awards, presented by John Major in London.

While the ceremony was under way at the Banqueting House. Whitehall, hospital managers were announcing that two and a half wards would remain closed until the end of October, taking 84 beds out of use. In addition, all non-urgent surgery has been stonged and the hospital wall. urgent surgery has been stopped and the hospital will cater only for emergencies, at least until November.

Dr Paul Bentley, director of medical services, said that the hospital's contract with South Glamorgan health authority. its main customer under the new NHS internal market, set monthly limits on the number of patients. "In the first three months of this financial year we treated four months' worth of patients," he said. "By the end of the fourth month, July. we had done five and a half months' work. We had to stop to avoid a major overspend." Patients were still being admitted from other parts of South Wales.

Holiday firms close

Hundreds of people were in fear of losing money paid for holidays yesterday after two travel firms closed. Flightsavers, of Exeter, Devon, closed on Friday leaving an "out to lunch" sign on the door. One customer, John Flower, 59, had paid almost £2.000 for a family trip to Barbados. In Reading. Berkshire. the Florida Shop closed without warning and a man has been arrested. Neither firm was covered by the Association of British Travel Agents.

Golden oldies return



Vintage episodes of Britain's best comedies, soaps and dramas, including Rumpole of the Bailey (pictured left, played by Leo McKern). The Rise and Fall of Reginald Perrin and The Young Ones, will be back on television screens on November I with the launch of UK Gold, a satellite channel run jointly by the BBC and Thames, broadcasting to cable and satellite viewers 20

Irish to vote on divorce

The Irish government is to hold a referendum on whether the country's ban on divorce should be lifted. Supporters of the ban plan to campaign strongly for a "No" vote. Confirmation of the referendum came in a white paper published by Padraig Flynn, the justice minister. Mr Flynn said: "If the Irish people want divorce, so be it. It would be unwise to have a referendum unless the government was satisfied there would be a positive result."

Child abuse lists grow

The number of children on child-protection registers has reached an unmanageable level and may be hampering survey or register: maintained by the NSPCC in 12 largely metropolitan districts over 18 years. In 1975, one in every 1,000 children under 14 was registered as having been abused or being a cause for "grave concern". By 1990, the figure was about 3.5 in 1.000, partly because of greater awareness of child abuse.

Rail worker reinstated

A railway clerk aged 63 who was sacked last week for drinking half a pint of shandy at his office farewell party. with the loss of a £20.000 payment for early retirement, has been reinstated and will now receive the money. Two colleagues sacked for joining Alex Bryson, of Doncaster. South Yorkshire, in a drink have also been reinstated after intervention by the head of their union. The case of a fourth sacked worker, not a union member, is under review.

Adventurous spirit united doctor, poet and missionary killed in air disaster

Victims' relatives fly to Kathmandu today

By Lin Jenkins and Ronald Faux

AS RELATIVES of some of the Kathmandu air-crash victims prepared to fly to the scene of the tragedy, those who knew them recalled the adventurous spirit and zest for life common to all those on the

Many of the 37 Britons who perished when the Pakistan International Airlines A300 Airbus crashed in the Himalayan foothills had travelled alone, displaying enthusiasm for exploration and curiosity

about an alien culture.

Among those who died were climbers, including Mike Hardwick, one of the most highly regarded mountaineers in Britain, and his wife Sue. Staff at the National Centre for Mountain Activities, at Plas-y-Brenin, North Wales, were shocked yesterday by the deaths of four instructors, the Hardwicks, and Dave Harries and Alison Cope, who had been going to climb in the Himalayas.

Mr Hardwick and Mr Harries were planning an unsup-ported "alpine style" ascent of the south face of Annapurna I, (26,250ft). Sue Hardwick and Alison Cope were to have joined a party of ten trekkers to climb Tent peak, a lower summit near by. Mr Hardwick and Mr Harries held the international carnet as mountain guides, the highest qualification in alpine

mountaineering.

Another climber killed was Brian Rollins, 40, of Didsbury, Manchester, a lecturer at Arden College, North-enden, Greater Manchester, and respected for his work with disabled youngsters and arranging mountain trips for them. Sandie Goodyer, his girl friend prevented at the last minute by illness from flying to Nepal, said: "Brian loved people and loved

mountains." Another leading British mountaineer to die was Mark Miller, 31, a partner in the Sheffield-based adventure holiday company Out There Trekking. He was travelling to Nepal with Victor Radvils, 27. of Crookes, Sheffield, a climbing companion, to join an Anglo-American attempt on

Makalu (27.790ft). Today, relatives are being rachi. Some will take the twohour drive down rutted tracks and walk another two hours up a mountainside to see the crash site. Others will confine themselves to accompanying a

body home. Mary Sasse, whose husband. Dominic, 38, a poet from Shropshire, was on a regular visit to their Himalayan trekking lodge, set up five years ago in memory of his father, a Gurkha, was among those leaving for Nepal. "I would rather be there in Kathmandu than here," she said.

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Dr Alison Gourdie, 34, who was featured in the television The couple, who have two



Death in the mountains: a rescue worker sifts through wreckage of the Airbus. Relatives of the dead are due to visit the crash site today



Dr Alison Gourdie was celebrating her appointment as a senior consultant with a trip to Kathmandu

children. Lydia. nine, and documentary Jimmy's as a consultant in the casualty dewas celebrating her Mr Sasse, author of Broken China and The Jousting appointment as a senior con-Meadow, was working on a sultant at Stirling Royal Hosthird volume of poetry. The pital with a trip to Kathmandu only copy was with him on the when she met her death. plane. William Sieghart, chairman of Forward Publish-

Another victim who, like Mr Sasse, had close ties with ing, which was to have pub-Nepal was Laura Strutt. 76, a lished the work, said: "He was charity worker from Chirk, on the Wales/Shropshire border. a remarkable man. His lodge She was taking books, cas-settes and educational materiin Nepal was doing much to bring medical welfare to a very poor area. He was larger than als to a school in Nepal on her life, a passionate and romantic second visit this year. Her man and a passionate and husband, John, 77, said: "She had visited Nepal five years running. She was loved by everyone who knew her."

Deborah Leon, left, an officer with the TGWU, Louise Peate, centre, who had just finished studies, and Brian Rollins, who arranged venture trips for the disabled Louise Peate, 31, and Kate woman. She had a brilliant society deputy manager, and White 26, who had just qualisense of adventure and tild a Peter Jones, who worked for a made the trip to celebrate the end of seven years' study and the start of new jobs. Dr Celia McCrea, course director at

that two young, very intelli-gent, capable women have been lost so sadly." Neighbours of Pam Muttram. 28, one of ten backpackers bound for a six-week holiday, placed flowers on the doorstep of her home at Whalley Range, Manchester,

yesterday. One said: "She was

a caring, thoughtful, kind

Leicester University, said: "Ev-

erybody here is devastated. It

is such a sad loss. It is tragic

health authority praised her leading role in its women's health team. Deborah Leon, 32, a worn-

Mick Hardwick, left, one of the most respected mountaineers in Britain, was one of a number of climbers killed, including Alison Cope, centre, and Dave Harries

en's oficer with the Transport and General Workers' Union on Tyneside, was a keen cyclist and enjoyed rock climbing. Her father, Colin Leon, a GP. and her mother, Sheila, were being comforted by their other four children at home in Newcastle last night.

A couple from Harrogate. North Yorkshire, who were on the first leg of a year-long world tour were killed. Caroline Jones, 29, a building

terrain". The ground proximi-

ty warning system probably

sounded seconds before the jet

will show just what the pilots

were doing as they made their fatal approach. They may have been so busy watching

the wavering pointer from the

radio beacon that they missed

the gradual descent below a

The cockpit voice recorder

hit the mountain.

married a year.

Friends of the missionary Andrew Wilkins, 38, his pregnant wife, Helen, 36, and their children Hannah, ten, Naomi, eight and Simeon. six. yesterday said prayers for them. On the noticebard of the local church at Stanstead Abbots, Hertfordshire, was a poignant reminder of the family. An open letter, illustrated with cartoons, tells of their plans to return to Nepai. It ends: "Now, on the point of departure, we ask for your prayers - for ourselves and our families whom we leave

High risks faced daily by mission workers

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE 6.000 British missionaries who work in some of the most dangerous and political-ly volatile countries of the world know that every day can bring a fatal accident, illness

The risks are so high that Interserve, an evangelical organisation with 400 people in ten South Asian and Middle Eastern countries, cannot afford the premiums to insure its missionaries abroad. At least six Interserve missionaries have died in the field in the past 25 years.

Some missionaries work in countries where the penalty for conversion from the official religion is death. Large numbers work in the health field. as doctors or nurses, and in education. Others are technical expens, engineers, builders, scientists. Their first aim is to improve the physical and emotional conditions of troubled areas.

Few today try openly to convert indigenous populations to Christianity, but try instead to 'witness" by living a Christian life, often in the midst of war and the extremes of poverty.

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disease and hunger. According to Marc Europe. a Christian research organisation. Protestant missionary societies have 4.352 volunteers abroad and Roman Catholic societies 1,229. Nearly 500 missionaries are sent abroad directly by churches. About one third of UK missionaries are in Africa, one fifth are in Europe and the rest are in Asia, the Americas, the Indian subcontinent and the

Black box gives search team clues to the last moments of flight PK 268

night recovered the Airbus A300's "black box" flight and cockpit voice recorders and immediately began piecing together the likely sequence of

events that led to the loss of 167 lives. The twin-engined jet, flight PK 268, was nearing the end of its journey from Karachi, rostered to Captain Istikhar Janjua and his 11 crew only

shortly before take-off. Normally, Pakistan International Airlines uses an old Boeing 707 on the route, but the aircraft designated for the trip developed a technical problem, forcing dispatchers

to switch to the bigger Airbus. Captain Janiua was one of the most experienced pilots in PIA having joined in 1964 from the air force. His training, before he was allowed on the Kathmandu route, included dozens of flight simulations.

He was especially aware that Kathmandu airport had no ILS instrument landing system, which would have enabled him to land in even the worst visibility. Neither was there ground-based radar. He knew that if he flew to within a mile of the airport without seeing the runway clearly, a "go-around" procedure, following a precise track carefully worked out to avoid the mountains, would be

In July the captain of another Airbus, a later model A310, somehow took a wrong turning on just such a missed approach and crashed into a mountain to the north.

Captain Janjua's maps and charts also showed clearly that just 8.2 miles from the threshold there was a 7.300ft mountain rising sharply out of the plain, known by pilots as the ridge. To clear the ridge the

Dated navigational technology may have let down the crew and passengers on Monday's disastrous flight to Kathmandu, writes Harvey Elliott

aircraft had to be higher than normal, then descend far more steeply than usual to pick up the final approach path.

The maps also gave a stark warning: "Due to intermittent scalloping between 9 and 6 DME on 201R, use south locator for track guidance." To a trained pilot this meant that the beams from the radio beacon just short of the runway could be bent from side to side by the ridge and they should check their position with another beacon four miles from the end of the runway. The signal from the main VOR beam had to be

watched carefully; if it began wavering the pilots must choose a middle course.

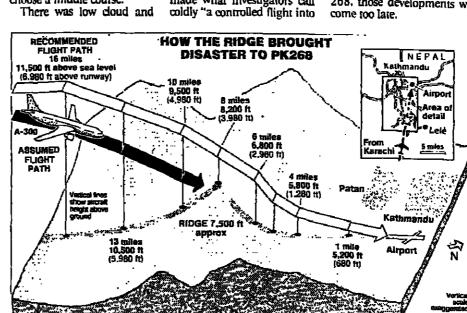
driving rain with visibility poor, even at 2.00 in the afternoon. At 16 miles from the airport threshold the aircraft should have been at 11.500ft, descending at only slightly above the normal three-degree glide slope. Below the aircraft's right wing

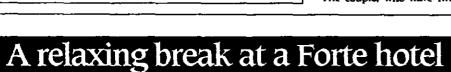
clear day, be seen. Beyond Lele the loomed. The aircraft should have cleared it easily, never straying below 9,500ft before cockpit as it passed a beacon on the top of the mountain. of the mountain the aircraft made what investigators call

safe altitude. They may have dialled into the aircraft's computer orders to descend too soon, or they could have set the altimeter at sea level rather than 4,313ft - the actual the town of Lele would, on a

picking up a "bleep" in the Captain Janjua never heard that bleep. Just before the top

height of the runway. The crash investigators may well have harsh words to say about a fast-growing interna-tional airport that still relics on simple VOR and DME radio beacons. One day soon aircraft will be fitted with navigation systems that take their information from fixed satellites. but for the crew and passengers who died on flight PK 268, those developments will come too late. NEPAL





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'Bogus' doctor killed patient through lack of care, court told

By BULL FROST

A FORMER US Army paramedic tricked his way into a job as a hospital doctor and killed a woman patient through lack of care, a jury at the Central Criminal Court

was told yesterday.

Matthew Brafman, 33, was "bogus, he was a sham, he was an imposter" who masqueraded as a qualified doctor when he came to Britain and got a job at St George's Hospital, Hornchurch, said Brian Bark-

er QC, for the prosecution. Brafman, who denies the manslaughter of 78-year-old Mrs Jessie Harris, was "totally unqualified", Mr Barker

Mrs Harris was admitted to the hospital one Sunday last October and within 12 hours she was dead, the court was told. "She should have left hospital alive, well and recovered, said Mr Barker, who alleged her death was through Mr Brafman's lack of care.

As the patient's condition deteriorated, Mr Brafman did not seek help from senior doctors but "brazened it out" and took away the last chance for her to be properly and professionally treated, he

The court was told that Mr

Braiman began working at St Church Hospital, Romford, George's - a hospital specialising in geriatric care in September 1991. He had a reasonable bedside manner and got on well with the

elderly patients. "He was self-confident, firm in his views. At one stage he was seen in green operating theatre uniform — despite the fact there was no theatre at St

George's," Mr Barker said. Mr Brafman, who was living with his English wife in medical quarters at Old



Matthew Braiman: got

was the duty doctor the day Mrs Harris was admitted.

"His acts and his omissions contributed significantly to that lady's death," Mr Barker said. The accused had sought responsibility for the care of patients and had "sadly failed in that responsibility and that

Mr Barker said Mrs Harris was elderly, with a history of various medical problems. It was not known what she had actually died of as she had

What the prosecution did have was the views of various experts and people who had observed Mrs Harris in

He alleged that measures taken by Mr Brafman to help his patient "had completely the opposite effect". Mr Braiman gave Mrs

Harris some injections, the court was told, but as she became seriously ill and dete-riorated rapidly, Mr Brafman did not face reality and seek

Mr Barker told the jury that it would have to consider the case carefully and with

objectivity.
"It is not suggested he wanted to kill or seriously harm her, but in the extraordinary circumstances of this case he displayed real negligence and reckless disregard of the obvious dangers." said Mr

The court was told that Mr Brafman began displaying an interest in medicine as a teenager and joined a volunteer ambulance corps in New York state.

He subsequently enlisted with the US Army and served for three years on the medical side. In July 1982 he rejoined the army still serving as a paramedic and rose to the rank of staff sergeant.

Mr Brafman served at hospitals in the United States as well as in Germany and attended a number of courses and specialist training sessions. But this would have given him only the level of expertise of a registered nurse. said Mr Barker.

As a result of back problems Mr Brafman left the army in the summer of 1991, came to Britain with his family and applied for the job as senior house officer at the Old Church Hospital, Romford. He was offered a vacancy at its sister hospital, St George's. Mr Barker alleged that Mr

Brafman was generally in-competent and had failed Mrs Harris by not ordering tests. prescribing drugs without examining her and not seeking help in the case from qualified doctors. Nor. said Mr Barker, did he alert relatives who had left her happy and cheerful a few hours earlier that there had been "a massive turn for

Mr Barker told the jury that Mr Brafman's gross negli-gence amounted to manslaughter. "Taking no guidance was arrogance and taking no action was negligent."
The court was told that Mrs

Harris, despite suffering from chest problems and Parkinson's disease, was a cheerful and independent woman. The doctor who first saw her on admission thought that within a few days of treatment she would be well enough to

return home. The trial was adjourned



Working girls: from left, Annette Layden, Ann Tuck, Mandy Chisholm and Francesca West on their way to court yesterday to save their jobs

High Court to hear women's plea for Sunday work

BY PAUL WILKINSON

FOUR part-time staff with the DIY chain B&Q are suing their local council for lost wages after it obtained a court order forcing their employer to close on Sundays.

The four women, who work in the hardware chain's branch in Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, lost their Sunday jobs for ten weeks last year after Kirklees council secured an injunction.

The Dewsbury store has since reopened for Sunday trading and yesterday at Bradford County Court the women sought their own injunction to

prevent the council taking new action that might cost them their jobs once

Mr Justice Hoffmann said that he could not see how he could grant an injunction preventing anyone going to court, particularly a court higher than his own. Instead he transferred the application and the damages claim to the High Court in London, which is scheduled on Monday to hear a new request from Kirklees for a ban on B&Q opening on Sundays. He asked for the women's claim to be dealt with

at the same time. Outside yesterday's hearing, one of

the women, Ann Tuck, 30, said: "We were seeking an injunction to stop Kirklees closing our store down while the case goes through the court. If B&Q closes on a Sunday we will lose our only source of income. It is the only time of the week when we can work as we are at home looking after our children the rest of the week. When Kirklees shut B&Q down I lost more than £400 in

Mrs Tuck and two of her companions are checkout operators. The other is a clerk. They say they are acting independently of their employer. Their case was presented by Gerald Barling, QC, who said that the whole subject of Sunday trading was in confusion. The industry was awaiting a judgment from the European Court. possibly within the next two months. and most authorities that had to enforce the Sunday trading laws had "taken a back seat" until the decision was announced.

Kirklees, however, was moving against several big multiples, including B&Q. Mr Barling said that a survey in the area had shown more than 500 firms trading in apparent breach of the law, but the council was attacking only half a dozen big firms.

Enquiry clears social workers who took boy

By JEREMY LAURANCE

DOCTORS and social workers who were accused of behaving like Nazis when they removed a 13-year-old boy from his parents and compelled him to undergo hospital treatment showed concern and commitment and probably saved his life, an enquiry

has found. Ean Proctor, now 17, was taken from his parents for five months when he was 13 because they refused to accept that he was psychiatrically ill. Ean was diagnosed as suffering from post-viral fatigue syndrome, also known as ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis). but his parents insisted it was a physical condition requiring only rest, appropriate diet and

At the time of his removal, Ean was mute, unable to feed himself and confined to a wheelchair. He had lost more than 42lb. The ward sister who admitted him to Nobles hospital on the Isle of Man. described him as having "a transparent look and the aro-

ma of death". The enquiry, by an independent commission appointed by the Manx parliament, has overturned the findings of an earlier select committee report which concluded that the doctors and child-care workers had acted "precipitately" in taking Ean into care in 1988. It criticises the committee for its selective use of evidence which led to "offensive statements" in the Manx parliament "including references to Hitler's Germany, Saddam Hussein's Iraq and tortures

from the last war". Ean's illness began in 1986 following a bout of holiday turnmy from which he did not recover. He was diagnosed at Nobles hospital as having "post-viral malaise". His weight fell sharply, but rose when he was admitted to hospital and fell again when he returned home. He became paralysed and lost the power of speech.

As his condition deteriorated he was transferred to Great Ormond Street hospital in London, but his parents, Robin and Barbara Proctor, refused to have him treated in the psychiatric unit. When they returned with him to the Isle of Man, doctors and social workers decided to seek a care order. He was taken from his home by social workers, with police standing by, on May 23, 1988, and admitted to Nobles hospital, where he remained until the following October. His parents were allowed to see him for only 30 minutes a day.

in hospital gained weight and vitality. He was allowed home after both sides agreed to an independent medical assessment by Dr David Lewis, a consultant paediatrician at Bronglais Hospital, Aberystwyth, with a special interest in ME in children, who had been recommended to the Proctors by the pressure group ME Ac-

Dr Lewis took over management of the case and succeeded in winning the confidence of Ean's parents. The home tutor appointed after Ean returned home "coerced. bullied and encouraged" him into mental and physical effort which was "the most important treatment that he received". the enquiry concludes, Ean has since obtained six GCSEs and is studying for A levels.

The enquiry says that the inappropriate criticism of children's services on the island has raised "a real danger that people might be deterred from seeking and accepting vital assistance" and urges the Manx parliament to re-affirm its confidence in the medical

Insolent juror

halts trial

By KATE ALDERSON

A JUDGE was so angered when an impatient juror asked him during a trial, "When is it dinner time?" that he dismissed all 12 jurors and announced a retrial.

The male juror, in his thirties, passed the handwritten question to Judge George Shindler, QC, via the court clerk at the Inner London Crown Court, while a key witness was giving evidence on Mon-day. The judge looked as-tonished but ignored the request, which was handed to him at 12.59, one minute before the lunch

adjournment. During the lunch-break the judge discovered that the other jurors had already complained about the man's drinking and swearing during the weeklong trial. The judge said to the juror: "Well, sir, you sent a note at 12.59 which has been described, rightly, as an impertinence -when is dinner time?"

The juror replied: "Yeah." The judge went on: "And as well as being rude you have been drinking during court time." The man said: "I've had some drink and that is why I asked when

is it dinner time?"." When the judge told him that he was almost in contempt of court and that he was unfit to be a member of the jury, he said: "If you say so." The trial was that of a defendant accused of shooting a man outside a West End night club.

Ritz amnesty for light-fingered guests By Julia Llewellyn Smith

THE Ritz Hotel in London is offering an amnesty to guests who have "borrowed" its fixtures and fittings over the years, in an attempt to recapture its history.

If the items are returned no questions will be asked about why they were taken in the first place and the management is offering rewards, such as a £1,100 champagne breakfast for two, to those who

return items. However, a tourist who smuggled out a towel last week will receive nothing. Only items that disappeared before 1960 are wanted, for a museum planned to open in the hotel at the end of the year. The museum will trace the Ritz's history since it opened in

The hotel management has drawn up a list of wanted items with rewards to match their value. A piece of crockery, for example, can be swapped for afternoon tea in the Palm

Autographed menus and brochures win hunch and monogrammed bath towels and robes, dinner. A period chamberpot will win a night for two -- worth £250 at current rates - and a champagne weekend for two in a suite, worth £1,100, can be

had by those, who managed somehow to leave the hotel with a bedroom vanity set, kitchen silverware or furniture, tucked carefully inside a suitcase.

Terry Holmes, managing director of the Ritz, said: "I have already had a lady's glove-stretcher returned and a lot of bills from the time we

opened. Apparently a grand piano got lost in 1922, it would be nice if that was returned."

He added that the Ritz had very few thefts. This is a very small hotel and 70 per cent of our clients have been here

"People look at the hotel as home. We do lose about 6.000 ashtrays a year, but that's only to be expected.

Theft goes on in hotels where people are only passing through for the night and never expect to return."

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'Death squads' TV researcher held

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard detectives yesterday arrested a television researcher at the centre of allegations that officers in the Royal Ulster Constabulary colluded with Loyalist death squads in killing republicans.

Ben Hamilton was detained at dawn at his home in northwest London by officers from the yard's international and organised crime branch. He was taken to Rochester Row police station, where he was being questioned last night about allegations of perjury following a High

Court hearing two month ago. Mr Hamilton was the principal researcher of a programme called The Commitree that was broadcast almost a year ago in Channel 4's Dispatches series. It alleged that serving RUC officers had links with Loyalist paramilitaries and were involved in

plotting murder. Eight weeks ago, Channel 4 and Box Productions, the independent production company that made the programme, were fined £75,000 at the High Court for contempt of court after refusing to disclose the identity of the informant who made the allegation of collusion. Last night, Channel 4 said

the arrest of Mr Hamilton, aged 25, at 6.30am was wholly unwarranted and oppressive". The company added in a statement that his detention suggests that "dawn raids against journalists are back in fashion". It added that it stood by Mr Hamilton Dispatches the

programme. Scotland Yard said: "We can confirm that a man was arrested this morning at his home address in northwest London by officers from SO1. the International and Organised Crime branch." The Yard added that the man detained was being interviewed in connection with

allegations of perjury after the civil action for contempt. Mr Hamilton, a single man, was born in South Africa but educated at Westminster School and Balliol College, Oxford. After graduating with a degree in politics, philoso-



Hamilton: questioned on perjury allegations

phy and economics he joined Box Productions four years ago as a researcher. Sean McPhilemy, managing director of Box, said last night: "He is our star researcher. We are immensely proud of him and we have total confidence in

for The Committee. The pro-

gramme alleged that there had been collusion between

serving officers in the Royal

Ulster Constabulary and Loy-

Source A". He was the main researcher

The key informant said in

the programme that he was one of a 60-strong committee that identified and arranged for the murder of suspected IRA supporters. The source admitted taking part in the Northern Ireland.

In July's High Court hearing, a number of sworn affida-vits made by Mr Hamilton and read to the judges includ-ed one in which he said he had been told that a deputy chief constable had plotted to kill a number of republicans in the

Channel 4 and Box Productions refused to disclose the identity of the source because they had given an absolute assurance that it would be kept secret. Mr Hamilton vowed that he would go to jail rather than disclose the identity of

Sir Hugh Annesley, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, denounced the programme and said that the allegations were "an unius and unsubstantiated slur" on

the force.

bell, 48, Greg Morgan, 47, are not on the agenda, adding and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight

tors, Cromer roundly declared that Parliament and govern-CAROL LEONARD | ment shared responsibility

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By MICHAEL EVANS

TWO thousand jobs are to be lost at the Ministry of Defence's former research and development establishments in a cost-cutting move intended to save £90 million a year. The redundancies will be phased over two years.

The proposed cuts were announced yesterday by John Chisholm, chief executive of the Defence Research Agency. which took over the running of four non-nuclear research sites in April last year. Several of the agency's facilities are to be closed. Craftsmen, drivers and office workers will lose their jobs, but no scientists will be made redundant.

The agency, which employs more than 10,000 people; has been urgently trying to reduce its annual operating costs of £800 million. The news of the job losses brought angry reactions from trade unions. Derrick Baker, of the GMB general union, demanded a reconsideration of the costcutting programme.

"Staff at these establishments were working 24 hours a day during the Falklands and Gulf conflicts," he said. This is no way to treat them. Some of them were presented with medals by Tom King

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staff, although some engineer-

ing craftsmen would also go.

"The scientists are our bread

and butter," she said.
The Institution of Profes

sionals; Managers and Spe-

cialists said there was great

concern about the effect the

cuts might have on scientific

operations. Ron McDowell,

the union's development of-ficer, said that the closure of so

many sites could disrupt the

scientific programme. "There

is potential for wrecking team-

work because scientists need

high quality craftsmen to back.

Nineteen of the 54 sites of

the former Admiralty Re-search Establishment, Royal Aerospace Establishment,

Royal Armament Research

after the Gulf war and now they are told they are not required. They are being treated with contempt."

Mr Chisholm said that the cuts were necessary to make progress and ensure that the agency had a future as: a successful business. Some of the sites-earmarked

for closure have carried out important development work. The agency's facility at Christchurch, Dorset, which is now to close, was where the Bailey bridge was invented. The scientists and engineers will be moved to Cherisey, Surrey.

A spokeswoman for the agency, based at Farmborough, Hampshire, said that the aim of the cost-cutting was to reduce the non-industrial

ment and Royal Signals and Radar Establishment will be handed back to the defence ministry to be sold, including property with a high market

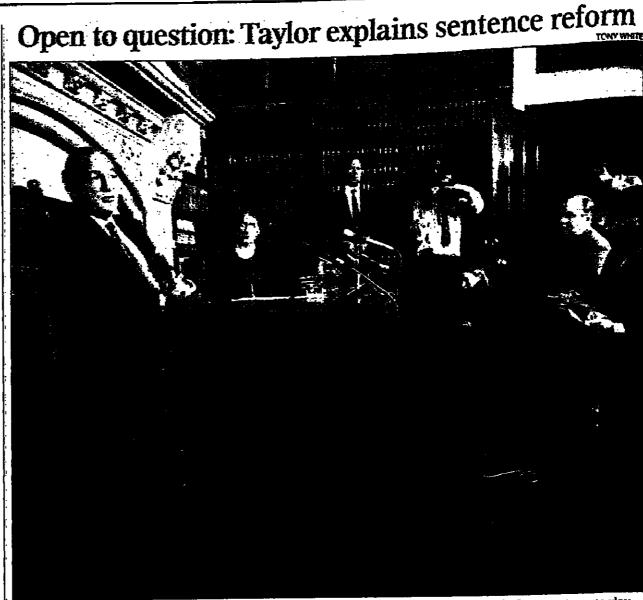
One of the areas worst affected by the cuts will be Portsmouth where 390 jobs are to be lost. That could also sion because of high unem-

ployment in the area. Mr Chisholm said that 12 sites had: been earmarked: for significant investment", incinding facilities Farnborough, Rosyth and Fort Halstead in Kent

Frank Dobson: Labour's employment spokesman, said the party and umons had been urging the government for years to diversify defence spending into civilian work. The government has mocked every proposal we made. Now the chickens are coming home to roost."

Jack Dromey, spokesman for seven industrial unions at the defence ministry, said: "The job losses will throw Britain's finest skills on the dole and disband world-beating research and development teams. Our members feel berrayed."

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Pressing issue: Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, hosts a news conference at the law courts yesterday

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JPs regret ending of option to imprison

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

MAGISTRATES are concerned that they will have inadequate powers to deal persistent offenders under legislation coming into

The central aim of the legislation, the Criminal Justice Act 1991, is to ensure that "punishment fits the crime" and to reserve custody for serious, violent offenders.

Until now, magistrates have tions when deciding sentence. The act rules that out, except in certain circumstances, stating that courts cannot regard an offence as more serious because of past convictions.

Joyce Rose, chairman of the 28,000-strong Magistrates Association, said: "The philosophy of the act is excellent —

Court puts onus on parents

PARENTS may find them-selves reponsible for the crimes of their grown teenage children when the new Youth Court comes into being tomorrow and brings 17-yearold offenders under its arm (Frances Gibb writes).

Instead of being sentenced alongside adults by magistrates' courts, 17-year-old of-fenders will now join offenders of 16 and below in the youth court, which replaces the juverile court. At the same time, parents or guardians will have greater responsibility under the act for the behaviour of youths of 17 and younger. Parents and guardians of 16 and 17-yearolds can be ordered to attend court to pay any fines in-curred by their offspring. Courts can also bind over

parents or guardians to take proper care and exercise control over the offender. Joyce Rose, chairman of the Magistrates' Association, said magistrates had been concerned about the original proposal, which would have imposed a duty on courts to bind over parents or guardians when they had no control over their

that is, keeping people out of prison who should not be there, and magistrates have always tried to do this. But there is concern about the persistent petty offender. There always used to be a custodial-based penalty as a last resort. Sometimes one has to say, 'we cannot do more . . .

they should go inside'.
The public will find it very difficult, when faced with a stream of offences such as repeated shoplifting which has caused great nuisance, to find that, at the end of the road, the offender will not go inside."

The extent to which the act did allow courts to take into account previous offences was a "very grey area" awaiting guidance from the Court of Appeal, Mrs Rose said. There will have to be a lot of working through, a lot of

interpretation," she said.

Mrs Rose also expressed concern over whether the probation service would have enough money to provide the community-based penalties that the act expects to be used for an increased proportion of offenders. "If these penalties are simply not there, or insufficiently resourced, magistrates

cannot use them," she said. The act has, however, been welcomed by penal reform bodies. Paul Cavadino, of the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders, said: "The act embodies a just and desirable principle. The offender has already been punished for earlier offences. He or she now faces a punishment commensurate with the seriousness of

the new offence. "To top-up that punishment because of past wrong-doing, for which the offender has already paid the penalty, is to punish him twice for the same

offence." The act enabled courts to link existing provisions of probation and community service to impose "more intensive combinations of community penalties than at present" These were far from soft options, Mr Cavadino said. Used appropriately, they were much more likely to steer offenders away from crime.

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Burden on jails eased

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A CHANGE in sentencing policy from tomorrow will mean more offenders serving their punishment in the community rather than in jail. The government has accepted penal reformers' arguments that imprisonment is an expensive way of dealing with less serious offenders and that it rehabilitates few and harms

Reformers say that the prisons' sub-culture reinforces offending behaviour and can frustrate attempts at rehabiliration because it breaks links with family, friends, housing

and employment.

Home Office figures show that it costs an average £386 a week to keep a person in jail, £610 for an average eightmonth community service order, £1,100 for a 12-month probation order without conditions, and £6,900 for a oneyear probation order with a

six-month condition of residence in a registered hostel. Under the act, courts will be encouraged to replace prison sentences with community punishment, which can include fines, work and counselling.

Ministers hope that the new system will help to convince a sceptical public and some within the Home Office that community punishment is not a soft option. Much of that task falls to the probation service, which in 1990 was dealing with 93,000 people but from tomorow has an enhanced role in a consistent enhanced role in supervising offenders.

Jenny Roberts, chair of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said: "Unlike the police, we have been nervous about entering the highly charged law and order debute. We must explain our work so



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Labour leader vows to end 'spiral of decline' in Britain

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND ROBERT MORGAN

IN HIS first speech to the Labour conference as leader, John Smith combined a fierce personal attack on the prime minister with a promise to give Britain leadership and to help people feel their voice was being heard and their needs were no longer ignored.

He promised that Labour would fill the vacuum left in public life by 13 years of Tory

In a well-received speech Mr Smith outlined his vision of an active government, standing up for the people and meeting its responsibilities. not running people's lives for them but helping them to live their own lives to the full. Under him Labour would

continue to be inspired by the values of individual opportumity and social justice. The British people wanted to be citizens of a country that showed care for all its people and did not pass by on the

Mercilessly exploiting the government's economic diffi-culties, Mr Smith devoted a big passage of his speech to a get the building industry working again. They had to take action for young people to

BRITISH Rail was threat-

ened with industrial action

yesterday, as union leaders

and Labour united in a cam-

paign to stop railways

In a speech to the confer-

ence, John Prescott, the shad-

ow transport secretary, sig-

nalled the launch of a winter

offensive to discredit govern-

ment plans to split the railway

network into separate com-panies. He dispelled doubts

among some union officials

over whether Labour was

whole-heartedly committed to

total opposition to the privati-

Derrick Fullick, general sec-

retary of ASLEF, the train

drivers' union, voiced concern

that Labour had not yet forced

privatisation on to the political

agenda and warned delegates

of the threat of industrial

seat in the last election, but

transport issues can win votes

and put our party back in the

driving seat. It's a nettle

Labour must grasp now — a

campaign to fight between

now and the next general

election." The white paper on BR privatisation contained no

mention of increased invest-

ment for safety, he said.

trains are unsafe, we won't run

them. We can't rule out indus-

a commitment to a long-

running publicity drive to

Mr Prescott responded with

trial action.

That's why ASLEF says if

sation programme.

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Rail strikes threat in

privatisation battle

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY AND PETER VICTOR

give them the skills they needed. "A government that leaves

are short-term."

training to the vagaries of the

private sector puts school-

leavers and workers at the

mercy of people whose priority is profit and whose interests

They had to preserve strate-

gic assets such as the coal

reserves. The plentiful remain-

ing reserves gave Britain an

edge over most of its European

competitors, yet the govern-ment intended to abandon

half the remaining pits. It was vandalism, he said, because it

would destroy a national asset which could meet Britain's

An active government, Mr

Smith said, provided efficient

long-term energy needs.

restatement of his strong pro-Europeanism, which he said the events of recent weeks had done nothing but reinforce. He contrasted his own vision of a government prepared to act for the people with a government wracked by indecision and paralysed by fear.

Active government is what Britain needs today," the Labour leader said. "And it needs it urgently if we are ever going to lift ourselves out of this downward spiral of decline." Government should not run people's lives, he said, nor companies nor small businesses. but it had to create the conditions for them to prosper. "Good government, active government, lies at the very heart of a fair, a prosper-

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expose the weaknesses of the

rail system. His performance

earned him a standing ova-

tion and unanimous confer-

ence support for the

campaign. The service had

become "dirty, expensive and

unreliable" and would decline

further in private hands, he

said. He attacked BR for its

advertisements for managers

to co-ordinate privatisation.

There was delight in the conference hall when he point-

ed out the stipulation: "Know-

ledge of public transport not

One big union after another

pledged support in the cam-

paign to highlight what they

claim will be safety risks

attached to a newly privatised

The campaign will also

target what Labour says will

be the "serious implications"

of fare rises, reductions of

services and increased over-

crowding. Labour sees the

debate over privatisation as an

opportunity to make railways

as embarrassing an issue for

the government as the poll tax.

port workers' union RMT,

claimed that fare increases

planned by British Rail and

the transport department, al-

ready claimed to be up to 60

per cent, would be "no less

than 142 per cent to facilitate

privatisation".

Jimmy Knapp, of the trans-

and caring public services.

That is why we are committed to a National Health ous and a free society."

They had to build homes Service that is free at the time you need it. We will never that people could afford to end abandon that principle the misery of bed and breakbecause it is the only way to ensure that all patients get the treatment they need and not fast accommodation and to the treatment they can afford."

Active government, he said. meant strengthening the rights of people at work. "We believe the rights of workers are best advanced through the work of free and active trade unions with whom we in our party are proud to be linked." He was loudly cheered as he

restated Labour's commitment to devolution. Decisions had to be taken closer to the people. That was why there had to be a Scottish parliament, a Welsh assembly and devolution of power to the regions of England.

I look around Britain today and I see millions of families who, instead of feeling that they are moving forwards, are struggling to stay in the same place." Mr Smith said.

It was a time of great pessimism throughout the Western world, with people feeling government had neither the means nor the will to deal with what lay ahead. "More than anything today Britain needs leadership," he said. "Labour is going to provide that leadership.

Two weeks ago, Mr Smith said, confronted with a sterling crisis of its own creation. the country had seen a government gripped by indecision. paralysed by fear and a prime minister plodding on to disaster. John Major had only one policy — wait and see.

The opt-out prime minister leading a do-nothing government off the European stage. So much for being at the heart of Europe. We were promised a New Statesman and what have we got instead? The Spectator."

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Fees may be means tested

By JILL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party is to set up pilot studies to examine means tested subscription fees as part of a drive to increase membership and ease the party's financial difficulties.

As plans to raise the fees to £18 came under attack from conference delegates, John Evans, the conference chairman, said the pilot studies would look at different ways of campaigning and varying subscription levels.

The moves follow a drop in membership to 261,000, its lowest post-war level, and debts of nearly £2 million. The NEC has already approved plans to cut spending by 30 per cent next year, which will result in staff cuts. Mr Evans said the party's income had dropped in real terms by 20 per cent since 1979. Part of this was due to a fall in trade union membeship - by a third in 13 years - and to the high costs of the general

election campaign. If the conference failed to approve the £3 rise in full fees and a 10p rise to £1.70 in affiliated fees, further cuts would have to be made in the party organisation, he said.

Delegates claimed that the £15 subscription was already stopping Labour supporters from joining the party, and any hike in rates would deter women and low earners.

Smith postpones decisions

By Nicholas Wood and Robert Morgan

THE Labour leadership has decided to delay taking up firm policy positions until 1995 in order to avoid saddling itself with untenable commitments and to give it greater flexibility in drawing up a manifesto for the next election.

It plans to fill the resulting void by stepping up its attacks on the effects of government policies in key areas such as health, education, transport, and the citizen's charter. Shadow cabinet members hope to expose the "shortfall" between Tory pledges and performance.

However, they will leave open questions over whether they intend to scrap, amend or retain the Conservative reforms if they gain power. Amid signs that some of the most politically hazardous elements of the Thatcherite pro-

gramme are proving popular and successful. Mr Smith wants to postpone a verdict. He has decided to run the gauntlet of Tory jibes that abour stands for nothing.

The holding operation should dovetail with a revised approach to policy-making approved vesterday by the conference, despite a despairing howl of anger from some party activists. The grassroots attempt to halt the shake-up was defeated on a cord vote by 4.340,000 to 1,045,000, a platform majority of

3,295,000. in a speech opposing the leadership's plans to dilute the conference's role in policy formulation, Teresa Pearce from Erith and Crayford was applauded as she condemned

Labour's "worship" of the image-makers and deplored the lack of socialist principles in its message to the voters at the election. On a show of hands, the

conference approved Agenda for Change, a new document setting out revised procedures for policy-making. Labour will shortly set up a national policy forum made up of 100 people drawn from all wings of the party. Real power will reside with an inner group of 16 national executive committee and shadow cabinet members known as the joint policy

Although recommendations from the policy forum will eventually be voted on by the conference, activists protested vesterday that it would be relegated to being a rubber stamp for decisions taken by a leadership cabal.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rebellion over coal

defeated

A left-wing challenge to the party leadership's author-ity was defeated yesterday as the conference narrowly rejected calls for coal imports to be hanned. The ruling NEC feared an embarrassing defeat after del-egates demanded a card vote, but survived with a small majority (Peter Victor and Arthur Leathley write).

The National Union of Mineworkers pressed the party to support a total ban on imported coal. John Prescott pleaded for more time for the leadership to consider the proposed poli-cy shift. Delegates rejected his appeal, forcing the leadership to oppose the motion. Although the NEC won the vote by 393,000 votes, victory surprised senior figures.

During the same debate Frank Cave, the NUM vice-president called for a planned closure of all nuclear power stations. Tam Dalyell, the MP for Linlithgow, was jeered by a small section of the audience when he called for the party to be "unapologetic" in its support for the nuclear power industry.

Tax demand

Clive Soley, who resigned as housing spokesman this year, demanded that Labour adopt a policy of phasing out mortgage income tax relief. He told a fringe planning group meeting that the sensitive issue on which he was stopped from speaking while he was on the party's frontbench was now on "the unspoken agenda of both main

Today's agenda

Today's main debates are on the National Health Service, housing, local government, and the party's links with the unions. There will also be resolutions on internal but contentious matters such as party membership and the selection of parliamentary

Speech fails to challenge party prejudices

Tohn Smith missed an J opportunity yesterday. He reinforced the instincts of his party rather than challenged its prejudices. His low-key speech gave the conference delegates in Blackpool what they wanted

Trying to present himself as a prime minister in waiting. Mr Smith attacked the government and, significantly, focussed on John Major's personal responsibility for the current disarray. He also offered a lengthy exposition of his personal vision, firmly rooted in his Scottish background. But he barely ac-knowledged that Labour had lost the election on April 9 and gave little hint about what the party now needs to do to win.

Mr Smith confirmed the worries of even some of his senior shadow cabinet colleagues that while, intellec-tually, he understands what is required, he is likely to be cautious about acting to change the party. He is decisive when he has made up his mind, but takes time to be persuaded. "John will wait to fire until the target is bang in the centre in his

sights." one said. The Labour leader said he did not believe that the Tory victory was "in any way a positive endorsement by the British people". He denied it was a vote of confidence: rather it was a reluctant vote. now regretted by many.

That is a dangerous illusion. Labour improved its position on April 9, but only to its third worst showing in 60 years, and its share of the



vote was still seven percentage points behind the Tories. There is little comfort for Labour in subsequent pse-phological studies or, for instance, in this week's report from the Fabians on the attitudes of wavering voters in the South-East who considered supporting Labour but who, in the end, backed the Tories. They all suggest that Labour is regarded as the party of losers and as not recognising the aspirations of the upwardly mobile, the newly affluent and first-time

Labour has to change considerably if it is ever to win

again. The party must no longer be seen as dominated by the trade unions. It has to create a mass membership, as Gordon Brown and Tony Blair have urged so often. That means the party has to behave differently, to be less inclusive. It also has to recognise public worries about taxation and the oper-

ations of government. There was barely any mention of these questions in Mr Smith's speech, apart from a reiterated promise to set up a special commission on social justice later this year to tackle income, wealth distribution, poverty, social welfare policy and taxation in a comprehensive way. Instead, Mr Smith concen-

trated on offering a classic restatement of Labour val-



Smith: pleasing the ghost of Clement Attlee

force for social justice and change. It was language which Clement Attlee would have understood. He talked of a society where there were limits on the role of markets and governments were active, helping industry, creating jobs and boosting housing. The post-war welfare state lives on. He did not say how it would be

imilarly. Mr Smith did Dot mention current changes in the structure of government — the impact of the purchaser/provider divide, of contracting-out and of competition in the provision of public services. Labour has yet to come to terms with the revolution now affecting much of the public sector. He did not suggest what was meant by the attack on vested interests which Messrs Brown and Blair have made one of their main themes.

Labour officials argue that yesterday was not the time for new ideas and that what matters is the new policy-making machinery which the conference is setting up, as well as changes in party structure to be agreed in a year's time. Mr Smith is right not to make premature policy commitments.

But "watch this space" is not a sufficient answer. Unless the party is confronted now with the bleak lessons of April's defeat, it will not take the right actions over the next year or two. Mr Smith needed to be brutal rather than bland yesterday.

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The ups and downs of a Chancellor whose exit from the ERM set him singing in the bath

The Tories' own Houdini faces a fall

By PETER RIDDELL POLITICAL EDITOR

NORMAN Lamont has sought to be the Harry Houdini of finance ministers, leaving his previous pledges behind like discarded chains and hoping to win the applause of the crowd for his dexterity. Agile though his performance was immediately after the forced withdrawal of the pound from the exchangerate mechanism two weeks ago, he is now starting to trip up over the resulting contradictions between economic, political and European

The political question is whether Mr Lamont any longer has authority to restore the faith of the markets and the public in the government's economic strategy and to carry through these tough public spending decisions.

Much will depend on his reception at next week's Conservative party conference. He may survive in the short-term to make the Autumn Statement in November. He may not, however, remain Chancellor of the Exchequer much longer than that. More probable is that, like James Callaghan's move from the Treasury to the Home Office after the devaluation of November 1967, Mr Lamont will be switched to another post.

The Chancellor had an uncomfortable time on Monday at the meeting of European finance ministers, where the THEFUTURE

majority did not share his belief in the need for reform of the exchange-rate mechanism, and yesterday The Daily Telegraph, the Tory activists' house journal, delivered a devastating attack on his

alternatives, including floating. So anything he has said subsequently has appeared to be a U-turn.

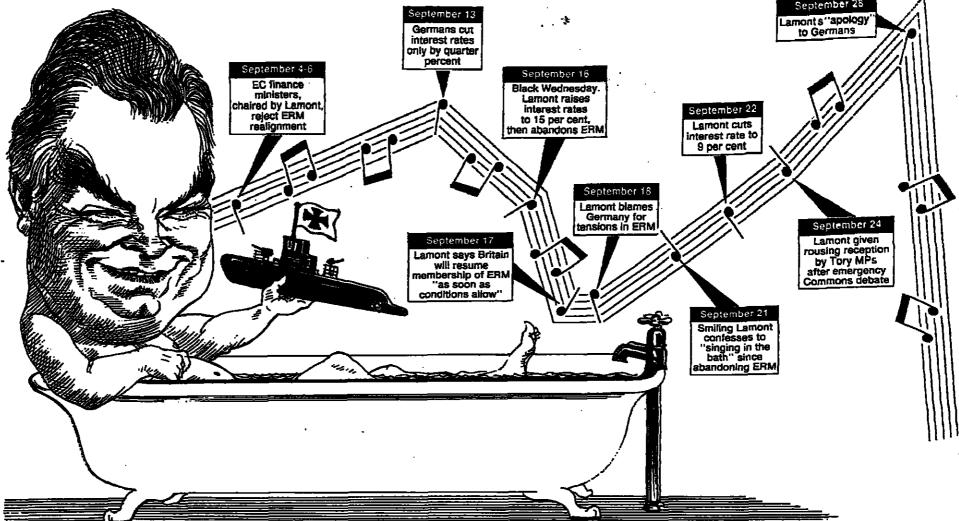
Lamont as the loyal executioner of a policy designed not by him but by John Major. He took over when the recession was already starting and, within these constraints, has protax reform, on overhauling the system of public spending control, and on bringing to

Even though the Chancellor means of running the econounforeseen, speculative pres-

credibility. Mr Lamont's difficulty is that he pledged himself unequivocally to maintaining sterling's parity in the ERM and dismissed out of hand all

A case can be made for Mr duced some original ideas on gether the tax and spending sides of the state's budget.

had always been personally agnostic between fixed and floating exchange rates as a my, he did his best to make the ERM work and inflation did fall sharply. However, membership was not sustainable because of exceptional, and sures in the foreign exchange markets. So, Mr Lamont should not be blamed for a



policy agreed by the whole

Initially, and predictably, as after previous devaluations, was a public rallying round by the prime minister and the cabinet. Mr Lamont has certainly been resilient, as shown by the bizarre remark about singing in his bath. Then, he sought to make a virtue out of the setback by cutting interest rates and talking about a "British policy in British interests" and suggesting that sterling would stay

outside the ERM for the indefinite future. This attracted the support of the so-called Euro-sceptics, the vocal Tory opponents of the Maastricht treaty and of the ERM, who saw him as an ally against the strongly pro-EC members of the cabinet such as Kenneth Clarke and Michael Hes-

In last Thursday's debate, while Mr Major was unsure and defensive, Mr Lamont delivered a powerful windingup speech, challenging Labour's charge that the alternative of an agreed realignment had been available. He was cheered by the Euro-sceptics in

an organised demonstration
— underlined by a public
endorsement the following day from John Townend, chairman of the Tory backbench finance committee. However, these activities, and muttering by Euro-sceptics against Mr Major, have aroused the suspicions of pro-EC ministers, who are committed to an early return to the

ERM and to ratifying the Maastricht treaty. Underlying these political

tensions are questions about economic policy. After his earlier warnings of dire consequences of leaving the ERM. Mr Lamont's attempt to argue both that the earlier approach was too tight - leaving scope now for some relaxation and that reducing inflation remains a priority have strained credibility. His ac-tions have postponed the date of any return to the ERM. The

markets remain sceptical and. as the governor of the Bank of England gave warning yesterday, the authorities have to be concerned about the level of the pound. There is no scope for a big cut in interest rates. The government's main way of providing reassurance

is to stick tightly to the existing public expenditure target of £244.5 billion next year. The initial signals from the new cabinet committee on public spending chaired by Mr Lamont are that meeting this

The nameless sources ring

target will be very difficult. The first cries of pain from the generals and admirals are likely within days, rather than weeks, and cuts are certain in many programmes across Whitehall Ministers may also have to contemplate higher

The Tories are discovering that withdrawal from the ERM cannot just be brushed aside as an unfortunate incident for which no one is

Mandarins' delay adds to confusion

CONOMICS EDITOR

THE Treasury may be hard at work in preparing a new economic policy for the Chancellor, but the mandarins are in no hurry to come up with any results. According to Treasury officials, there will be little new information about government economic policy in Norman Lamont's speech

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party conference. The government's advisers believe that the world should be prepared to wait until October 29, when the Chancellor (who may still be Mr Lamont) delivers his traditional Mansion House Speech to the Lord Mayor of

Asked if the six-week delay

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policy and the announcement of a new one was really necessary, one official admitted it was unfortunate. But the Mansion House speech was scheduled for October 29, and this was the traditional occasion for discussing monetary policy, so the country would

that interest rate policy must remain on hold until then? between the collapse of the old One official said that if the Chancellor were to decide on another move in interest rates - up or down — the onus would be on the Treasury to provide a justification.

Mr Lamont conceded last week that a tightening of fiscal policy might be a quid pro quo for sharp cuts in interest rates. But decisions on public spendthe Autumn Statement and that is not delivered until mid-

Cold war relic disbanded

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN HISTORIC ceremony takes place in Germany on Corps, which was formed in 1901 and became part of an occupying force after the second world war until 1955, is disbanded as one of the last relies of the Cold war.

The British Army of the Rhine, which was formed from Britain's occupation forces at the end of the war, will live on until January 1, 1994. But the British Corps is being merged into a multinational rapid reaction force.

The change in the status of British soldiers serving in Germany will be formally recognised at the ceremony in Bielefeld. As the 1st British Corps disappears, the Allied Command Rapid Reaction Corps will come into being. Lieutenant General Sir Jeremy Mackenzie, British corps commander, will be its

The Germans were furious when the decision to give Britain command of the new corps was first announced. British defence ministry sources stressed yesterday that relations with the Ger-man military were excellent.

Twelve countries will contribute to the new corps. Apart from the command, Britain will supply a major general as chief of staff, 60 per cent of the headquarters staff and 30,000 troops, ministry sources said.

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emments were sliding to-

wards a two-speed Europe.

The Chancellor ducked out of

the meeting, British officials

saying that he had to prepare

for next week's Tory party

For two hours, Sir John

managed to stonewall all ques-

tions from the European par-

liament's economic and

monetary committee, warning them that anything he said

about the behind-the-scenes

discussions during Monday's

THE government propaganda machine spun into overdrive to put the best possible eloss on Norman Lamont's talks this week with fellow EC finance ministers on the future

rate mechanism. Extraordinary efforts were made by Downing Street and Treasury officials to dissuade journalists from reporting either the Chancellor's "apology" to the Germans or claims that Britain was isolated in wanting the ERM reformed.

Government sources, the nameless individuals em-ployed to feed tithits to lobby journalists, have been prickly since the collapse of the gov-ernment's economic and European policies, but they displayed even greater sensitivity over reporting of Mr Lamont's Ecolin meeting in Brussels on Monday. The name of the game is damage limitation.

The latest exercise in news manipulation started at Monday's traditional Downing Street lobby briefing, which does not officially exist. Journalists were told "Split, what split?" in the wake of weekend interviews by three ministers, Michael Howard, Tristan Garel-Jones and John Gum-mer, ith the insistence that the views expressed by all three were in line with government

In the words of one veteran Westminster journalist: "Well, technically, that's true, of course, because we don't know what the government's policies are now.'

Then further Tories broke

round to put right spin on ministerial discussions Sheila Gunn

tells how a few hazy words put government of the European exchangepublicists on to red alert

> ranks to squabble over Maastricht and the ERM, culminating in comments emerging from Brussels after Norman Lamont's meeting with his fellow EC finance ministers. Europe was once again destined to dominate the front

pages of most newspapers and roost television news programmes, in spite of a vain hope in Whitehall that the spotlight would fall almost exclusively this week on the

PROPAGANDA

Labour party conference in Blackpool. Bryan Gould's dramatic resignation from the shadow cabinet helped to deflect attention away from John Major's troubles on Sunday, but Labour's own differences have not been able to eclipse ministers' disagreements with their continental counterparts.

Most newspapers received telephone calls from Downing Street on Monday afternoon and were told that John Major had spent three hours discussing domestic reforms for a five year parliament with cabinet ministers and officials. As in-fighting between top Tories over the Maastricht treaty and

ERM_scaled, new heights, that was the sources way of emphasising that Europe was prime minister had on his

Later in the evening. Treasury spokesmen went on red alert when television news bulletins reported that, during the five-hour meeting of Ecofin, Mr Lamont had apologised to the Germans for offensive remarks.

The fuss started when Horst Koehler, a German finance minister, complained about wild accusations and scapegoating" from Britain after it pulled out of the ERM. Mr Lamont commented: "We have had our differences and I am sorry if it has caused

While journalists instantly interpreted "I am sorry" as an apology, the Treasury front men rang national newspapers' newsdesks, insisting that the Chancellor was not making a personal apology but was apologising for criticism in the British press. Their efforts failed to persuade night editors to push the story off their front pages.

By last night, more lobby journalists were abandoning the delights of Labour's gathering in Blackpool to return to home base. In turn, the propaganda machine is gearing up to tell them of "constructive" discussions today between Mr Major and France's President Mitterrand and the Danish prime minister, Poul Schlüter.

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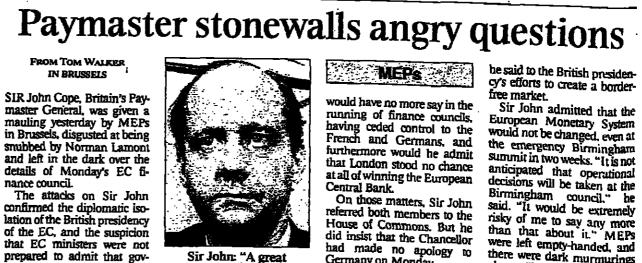
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Sir John: "A great degree of sensitivity

cial markets. "There is a great degree of sensitivity on what could and should be said." Naturally. MEPs were not

happy with that state of affairs, and threw all manner of vitriol at Sir John. Lyndon Harrison, Labour member for Cheshire West, accused the government of "exploiting anti-German sentiment". Alan Donnelly, Labour member for Tyne and Wear, asked Sir John if the government accepted that it

MEPs would have no more say in the

running of finance councils, having ceded control to the French and Germans, and furthermore would he admit that London stood no chance at all of winning the European Central Bank On those matters, Sir John

referred both members to the House of Commons. But he did insist that the Chancellor had made no apology to Germany on Monday. Sir John sidestepped many

of the more awkward questions by pointing out that he was talking on behalf of the EC, and not just for Britain. "It is no part of my duty to go against the express wishes of finance ministers," he said. Mr Donnelly said the minister's behaviour was quite unacceptable. A German socialist MEP, Dieter Rogalla, tried to lighten the acrimonious exchanges by presenting Sir John with a red and white striped customs post, a tribute

he said to the British presidency's efforts to create a borderfree market.

Sir John admitted that the European Monetary System would not be changed, even at the emergency Birmingham summit in two weeks. "It is not anticipated that operational decisions will be taken at the Birmingham council," he said. "It would be extremely risky of me to say any more than that about it." MEPs were left empty-handed, and there were dark murmurings about "lamentable Lamont and no-hope-Cope".

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Major forced to tread warily in wake of a blundering Lamont

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George Brock,

in this personal

view, laments

diplomacy by the

Chancellor

rage over Germany's birthday

celebrations for the V2 flying

bomb, Mr Lamoni sympa-

thised with German sensitiv-ities but added that "there

have been issues between us".

With that short postscript, Mr Lamont briskly seized the

worst of both worlds. He will

not take back his nebulous

claim that German bankers

helped tip the pound off its perch in the ERM, but neither

will he detail his charges.

While Mr Lamont has been

behaving as if exit from the

ERM means that he can snub

anyone he likes in continental

Europe, his German counter-

parts have been making sure

that their case is understood.

unpopular here and there but

its analysis of the pound's problems commands respect. The veteran Belgian politi-cian, Wilfried Martens, said

the other day, on behalf of five

Christian Democrat EC gov-ernments, that the ERM works fine and if Britain wants

to come back the re-entry rate

will have to be negotiable. Least of all will the common

view that Britain is the author

of its own misfortunes be

changed by vague British talk of German perfidy or "fault lines" in the ERM. Mr

Lamont should either put up

or shut up: either he can make

a case against Bonn and the

Bundesbank or he cannot.

Since Monday's fiasco reveals

that he cannot, he had better

The price of Mr Lamont's

gracefully back away.

The Bundesbank may be

a lack of

AN AMBASSADOR once defined successful diplomacy as an ability to tell a man to go to hell while making him look forward to the journey. Norman Lamont appears to think that the Chancellor of the Exchequer does not need to be a diplomat. Monday's miser-able meeting of EC finance ministers should have taught

him that he is wrong.
He bungled a half-baked and made a hopeless fist of retreating from attempts to change the European ex-change-rate mechanism which recently spat out the pound. Mr Lamont should know by now that in Brussels's long and dangerous corridors a minister needs to be armed with either persuasive arguments or enough tact to attract

Because his Chancellor bhundered off to Brussels on Monday with neither, the prime minister opens today's talks with President Mitterrand of France at a clear disadvantage. The authority of the British EC presidency is

shrinking fast. But Mr Lamont has never liked Brussels and the rules of its 12-dimensional game. Whenever he enters the Charlemagne building for a thrilling day of discussing aid to Bulgaria and value-added tax harmonisation he looks like a man who has just bitten into a

Over last weekend, Lord Tebbit was reported in Germany to have alleged a "conspiracy" by the German central bank to prop up the French franc when no such help had been given to the pound at its time of trouble. Horst Köhler, a German junior finance minister, courteously gave Mr Lamont several hours notice of the understandable complaint he duly made on Monday. To a background of British tabloid

small-mindedness is visible all over Brussels. Italy shares most of Britain's problems outside the ERM while suffering far worse economic problems. Italy and Spain share Britain's analysis of the ERM's defects, suggested Mr Lamont. Asked about this. Italian officials were prepared to agree with almost anything except that they were in the same camp as Mr Lamont. "We're not blaming the Bundesbank, like some coun-tries I could mention," said

one Italian diplomat. Italy's public stance on the ERM is to be anywhere that Britain is If Britain is likely to stay outside the ERM for some time, the business of diplomacy is to minimise the damage caused by the change. Mr Major, who chairs the EC leaders until the end of the year, must broker a deal between Denmark and the

all the help he can get.

Over reform of the ERM one EC official said this week, Britain is as isolated as the Dutch government was a year ago when its federalist rewrite of the Maastricht treaty was shot to pieces by eleven other governments. Mr Major and Mr Lamont are suspected of attacking the ERM in a clumsy covert attempt to derail the Maastricht treaty.

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'No-vote' deals daunting task for Dane



Luck lustre: Poul Schluter, whose early achievements some say were due to good luck, now has to steer Denmark back into the European mainstream

FROM LARS FOYEN IN COPENHAGEN

AFTER a decade in power. Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, faces his biggest challenge: how to steer his country back into the

European mainstream. When he meets Mr Schluter this evening, John Major will find a pragmatic conservative who he has survived at the helm of five minority administrations through tactical skill and the lucky timing of a world economic upturn that happened after he came to power on September 10, 1982.

Svend Auken, former leader of the Social Democrats who stood down ten years ago after running up a huge budget deficit, has likened Mr Schluter to Donald Duck's lucky cousin Glad-stone Gander. "Like Donald, the Social Democrats felt they had toiled and moiled only to see everything fail. Then this blow-waved little cousin turns up and all conceivable, but completely undeserved, win-nings rain down on him," he said.

But if luck was a factor, Mr Schluter's ran out on June 2 when Danes rejected the Maastricht treaty in a referendum. That not only rocked but also put Denmark - and Mr Schluter - in an extremely delicate position.

When Mr Schluter, 63, son of a wholesale dealer, took office he was derided for his positive attitude and smooth style. Few commentators believed he would survive the rest of that year. But, un-daunted by Denmark's prob-lems, which included a huge foreign debt, a weak currency

he set out to restore fiscal discipline and stabilise the

Mr Schluter, who has said "ideology is a load of rubbish", has walked a constant political tightrope in forging

mentary defeats.

The Maastricht treaty is supposed to be approved by all 12 EC members, but in the wake of his countrymen's rejection of it. Mr Schluter

coalitions to the centre and

the right and surviving parlia-

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gave little away about his intentions until Monday when he confirmed that Denmark would stay at the heart of the European exchangerate mechanism.

Domestically, Mr Schlute has brought down inflation from 10 per cent in 1982 to 2 per cent and turned a 20 billion Danish kroner (£2 billion) current account deficit into a projected surplus of 20 billion kroner this year. But he has failed to ease income taxes, cut welfare state costs or bring down unemployment. now at 11 per cent.

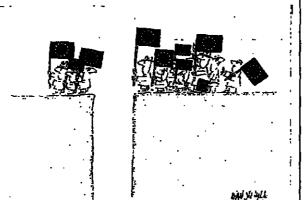
As Denmark's first conservative prime minister this century. Mr Schluter has not changed society much. "[His] biggest triumph has been the message, successfully hammered home: consensus before combat, responsibility before indifference, stability before constant change ... the joy of being Danish," the Danish national daily Poli-

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UK 'rumours' pure fantasy, says Kohl

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl accused Britain yesterday of spreading untrue stories about Franco-German plans for a two-speed

The German chancelior, in the course of a visit to Luxembourg, said such ideas were fantasy. "There are many rumours ... it is like the Loch Ness monster, it keeps reappearing."

Far from suggesting any kind of fast-lane union in his speech, Herr Kohl went out of his way to say: "We want Britain to be with us. we want a Europe of 12, we do not

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want a two-speed Europe." Although the chancellor did not accuse the British government of spreading such ru-mours, Bonn officials now believe a deliberate disinformation campaign has been mounted to make Germany the scapegoat for Britain's economic difficulties.

A prime example given is the story that the Bundesbank did much more to prop up the franc than the pound during the past month. Frankfurt exchange dealers say that, in fact, the Bundesbank spent far more money in a vain effort to save sterling than it did in helping the franc-

Rumours of this sort created a bad atmosphere at Monday's European Community finance ministers' council in Brussels and prompted Horst Köhler, the usually quiet and polite junior minister at the German finance ministry, to demand an apology from Norman Lamont. He was acting on his own initiative. without prior consultation and, although angered by what he believed was distorted reporting, he was not by any means referring exclusively to

the media. Herr Köhler wanted an explanation for what he described as "slanderous" remarks in the Commons. He was outraged by claims made by Lord Tebbit that the Bundesbank had broken the German constitution in joining an exchange-market conspiracy. Such ideas were wrong, unnacceptable and politically untenable", he said. Co-operation in the currency sphere was too important to

allow for such charges.

From Herr Köhler's remarks made after the Brussels meeting it is obvious that Germany is not prepared to see any serious changes to the European monetary system. "We do not know what Great Britain wants," he said. In Germany's view, the system had proved its worth "and there is certainly no reason after the events of the past fortnight to abandon the existing regulations. We would give bad advice if we did not defend the system in such an

excitable situation." In his speech yesterday, Herr Kohl made clear that. despite all the difficulties, he will be pressing for the Maas-tricht timetable to be followed and for negotiations to enlarge the Community to start next year as planned.

"If we do not seize this historic moment, then it will be a long, long time before we have another opportunity," he said. "Where would we be without European integration? In the end, it is a question of war and peace in

• Young racists: More than a quarter of German youths hold racist views or are open to anti-foreigner propaganda. but another 25 per cent firmly reject any discrimination against foreigners, according to a survey published yesterday in Cologne.

The remaining half of young people between 16 and 24 took no clear stand and could be influenced either way. (Reuter)

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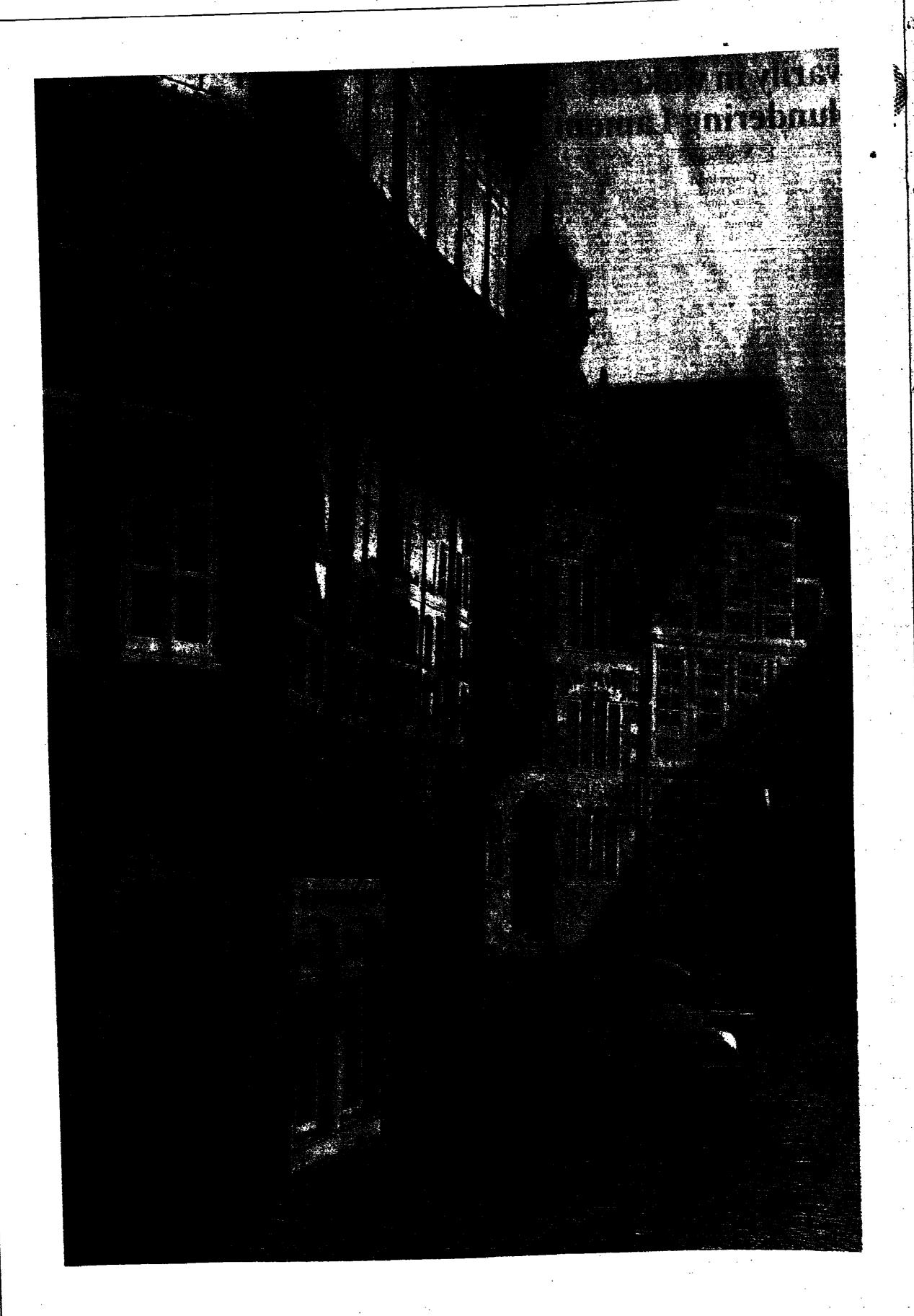
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Perot poised to run the final lap as Clinton's lead slips

IN WASHINGTON

AS ROSS Perot's followers returned yesterday to their states to consider whether the Texas billionaire should resume his presidential chall-enge, a new opinion poll indicated that in a three-horse race Governor Clinton's current lead over President Bush could be cut by nearly half. The latest survey by The

Washington Post suggests that although the capricious Dallas businessman stands no chance of winning in November, or escaping from a poor third place, he does have the potential to muddy the political waters and set the election on a perplexing new course. According to the poll, a Perot re-entry would leave the president trailing the Arkansas governor by 5 per cent instead of 9 per cent

Even if the race remains a two-horse one, the poll suggested that Governor Clinton may not be home and dry yet. The 9 per cent lead it gives the Democratic candidate over Mr Bush is sharply down from a week ago when The Washington Post's poll recorded Mr Clinton 21 per cent ahead of the president. However, independent pollsters greeted the survey with cauion. The Washington Post's poll last week differed dramatically from other national sureys which, on average, gave the Arkansas governor a 9 to

ONE year after Jean-Bertrand

Aristide, Haiti's first demo-

was forced into exile by a

military coup the country is

gripped by an eerie mixture of

There is a fervent hope that

Father Aristide, a Roman

Catholic priest and champion

of Haiti's slum dwellers and

rural peasantry, will reappear

magically in the country for

today's anniversary of his over-

throw. But the more prevail-

ing mood is fear of continued

repression by the military leaders, who have brutally

stamped out almost all public

expression of support for the

Father Aristide won 67 per

cent of the vote in elections in

December 1990 and a recent

poll showed that 80 per cent of

Haitians want him back as

president. International hu-

man rights observers estimate

that more than 1,000 people

have been killed by the armed

forces since the coup on Sep-tember 30, last year, in a

campaign to silence support-

The problem in Haiti now

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Adrien. 70. the head of a

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Haiti pines for return

of people's president

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE



cided. With Mr Perot 48 hours away from clarifying his intentions, there is a feeling of justifiable confusion among pollsters about the impact the Texan could have on the election. Some feel that it could turn the election into a lottery, particularly if Mr Perot's support is concentrated in the key Sun Belt states of California, Florida and Texas. The question the pollsters are struggling to answer is will Mr Perot split the anti-Bush vote

or the conservative vote. At this late stage in the race, state-by-state polls are more likely to give an accurate picture of the electoral map than nationwide surveys. Few public state polls have been conducted since the Texan started to flirt with the idea of rejoining a race he so abruptly left 75 days ago.

Mr Peror spossible re-entry into the race is also adding a further twist to the continuing problem of getting Mr Bush and Mr Clinton to agree to a What does seem to be debate. Hoping to break the certain is that at least a third of impasse between the Demo-

lected by Father Aristide to

negotiate his return from exile.

Father Adrien is a highly

respected priest, also noted for

his work with the poor, who

was exiled for 15 years until

1986 during the Duvalie

family dictatorship. "There is

not even a semblance of law."

he added. "The law is what a

little soldier in a given corner

of a given street on a given day

at a given moment in a given

Father Adrien said the com-

mission has not met represen-

tatives of the military-backed government of Marc Bazin

since preparatory talks in Washington a month ago. He

rejected as "absolutely unac-ceptable" reports that the mili-

tary would agree to reinstate Father Aristide as president if

he remained in exile and an

American economic embargo

to broadcast live in Haiti

Father Aristide's address to

the United Nations General

Assembly. Last night a Hai-

tian television channel was

due to show a US-made

documentary called Killing

the Dream, about the over-

throw of democracy. But there

were doubts that the military

would permit it to be shown.

Efforts were made yesterday

against Haiti was lifted.

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crats and Republicans over the traditional encounters, the bipartisan commission on presidential debates called on the Bush and Clinton camps to start negotiating directly with

Facing the likelihood of having to cancel Sunday's scheduled debate in San Diego, the third of four proposed encounters, the commission is now urging the two sides to reach their own agreement. The Republicans are still adamant that they will not accept the format proposed by the

Bush campaign advisers have only wanted one presi-dential debate and have not been comfortable with the commission's plan of replacing the normal panel of three jour nalists with a single mod-erator as they fear this would allow the two candidates to spar directly. Mr Clinton is considered faster on his feet. The Clinton camp has accepted the commission's proposals but has not been prepared to enter into direct negotiations with the Republicans.

With neither side prepared to budge, the prospect of any face-to-face debates taking place has been fading fast. But with Mr Perot's possible reentry, both camps may now have more reason to agree to a debate quickly. The Texan indicated on television yesterday that if he announces his candidacy, he would be keen to be included in any presidential debate. Under the commission's rules, Mr Perot, who is on the ballot in all 50 states. would probably qualify for a

place. If the Democrats and Republicans can agree on a format and dates, they could write Mr Perot out of the

Mr Perot said in an interview yesterday that if the San Diego debate goes ahead and he decides to run, he would show up. "If you are in the game, you have to play the game," he said. He is clearly enjoying being back in the limelight and has a series of television interviews sched-

uled for the rest of the week. He insisted yesterday that his return to the national political scene was dictated by his followers in the United We Stand organisation, a political network he set up and financed when he quit the race in July. "This is driven from the bottom up. There is no messianic drive here," he remarked. But his claim that he is merely an instrument of his supporters would seem to be at odds with the rigid control he maintains over the United We Stand organisation, which is very much a corporate crea-

ture run by employees from his own firms. The top-level Democrat and Republican delegations. which travelled to Dallas on Monday and met Mr Perot and his followers, seemed to have failed to convince the Texan billionaire's supporters that it would be a mistake for them to organise an indepen-dent presidential challenge. His supporters left Dailas indicating that they were keen

Mr Clinton and President Bush took to the campaign trail again yesterday. The Democrat went to Louisville. Kentucky, while Mr Bush took the fight to Tennessee.

to see him re-enter the race.

Forget blacks at your peril **Jackson tells Democrats** NO speaker in America embrace of Mr Jackson, who matches the Rev Jesse Jackson

ner Detroit, from which those Bill Clinton is who can afford to have fled, the black preacher-politician taking a big risk, brought inspiration this week. Martin Fletcher He prayed, exhorted and in Detroit writes harangued. He roared, he whispered, speaking in rhythms. "Amen", voices cried, to home truths about drugs, violence and teenage motherhood. The all-black throng stood, stamped and chanted his staccato words: "I

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am -- somebody. Respect me.

Protect me. Never - neglect

presidents."

me. These hands — that once picked cotton — can now pick Mr Jackson had come to encourage black voter registra-tion in the presidential election. He barely mentioned Bill Clinton. In an interview on his bus, the former contender for the Democratic presidential nomination refused to discuss his relations with Mr Clinton, his party's candidate. At a time of economic distress, "any discussion about us personally is diversionary", he said. "We the black rap singer Sister have a mutually respectful relationship and that is enough." But the two men's ill Souljah for advocating vio-

concealed animosity is highly Blacks comprise 11 per cent of the national electorate, far more in key southern and Midwestern states. They are overwhelmingly pro-Democrat, but what matters is how many bother to vote. In a close

In wooing the blue-collar vote,

Nearly man: Ross Perot and his family appearing on the Larry King Live television programme. Mr Perot has given his supporters until tomorrow to decide whether they want him to re-enter the race for the White House

re-enters the race, black voters could determine the outcome. In his desire to distance himself from Mr Jackson, Mr Clinton has been inattentive to this constituency.

The Clinton strategy be-came clear last June. To defeat President Bush he had to win back Reagan Democrats. those blue-collar white conservatives who defected in the 1980s largely because of what they believed was the Democrats' subservience to minorities. Mr Clinton had to prove he would not make obeisance to Mr Jackson as his predeces-sors had felt compelled to do. At a convention of Mr Jackson's Rainbow Coalition, Mr Clinton pointedly denounced

lence against whites. The two men, never close, have barely spoken since. Mr Jackson flirted with Mr Perot, then gave Mr Clinton a chilly endorsement at the Democratic convention. Mr Clinton reluctantly appeared at a black Washington rally ten days ago and performed a bizarre manocuvre around the stage, vainly seeking to avoid the

called him "Mr Bill".

Mr Clinton abhors racism, but until recently had attended few black events and campaigned in few black neigh-bourhoods. He has emphasised the retorm of the weltare system, an issue with racial undertones. He knows black voters have nowhere else to go. hopes their turnout will be boosted by congressional races involving blacks, and is offset-ting Mr Jackson's coolness by using other black leaders such as John Lewis, a congressmen

and civil rights hero. Mr Clinton has opted for a risky strategy, as Mr Jackson emphasised. Black participation in this year's primaries was down a third on 1988. Asked if blacks were galvanised by the campaign, Mr Jackson replied "some segments are", adding that "embrace inspires enthusiasm while distancing discourages it". He said Mr Clinton had spent too little time "nurturing and inspiring those who never left", although "adjustments" were now being made.

Mr Jackson insisted that he had "travelled more miles, registered more voters and exalted Clinton's name" more than any other Democrat, but his motives are not wholly selfless. He is a compulsive performer. Most important, Mr Clinton has promised statehood for the District of Columbia, which would make Mr Jackson, its shadow senator, a power on Capitol Hill.

NEWS IN BRIEF **Doctor shot** dead on

Johannesburg: A German doctor working at a Soweto hospital was shot dead yesterday on a motorway here (Miincidents on another motorway, a white woman and a white man were shot at.

motorway

The African National Congress protested at the freeing of Barend Strydom, a white murderer, and said his release was not part of its recent deal with Pretoria. Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the leader of Inkatha Freedom Party, met Lucas Mangope, leader of Bophuthatswana, and Brigadier Joshua "Oupa" Gqozo. of Ciskei, to co-ordinate opposition to the Pretoria-ANC deal.

Angola votes

Luanda: Angolans went to the polls on the first day of voting in the first free elections with an air of quiet and confident responsibility. Shops and businesses closed for the poll.

Peace rejected Rome: Afonso Dhlakama, the

Mozambican rebel leader, is refusing to sign a peace settlement that was due to end 16 years of civil war in the famine-stricken country. (Reuter)

Guerrilla raid

Beirut: Hezbollah guerrillas killed six people, including an Irish soldier in the UN peacekeeping force, when they attacked four South Lebanese Army posts in Israel's so-called security zone.

Prints found

Amsterdam: A museum here has found six silent films in its archives that are probably the only surviving prints of early Walt Disney films. They were made before 1927. (Reuter)

Brazilians , clamour for fall of Collor

FROM GABRIFILA GAMINI

THOUSANDS of people turned out on the streets of Brasilia to listen to l'resident Collor de Mello's fate on public loudspeakers as congressmen began voting yesterday on whether to remove him from power and authorise the senate to begin an impeach-

ment mal. We want Collor out of government by tomorrow," said one citizen outside the congress building in Brasilia, holding up one of many banners declaring "Foru

Collor (Collor out)". If two-thirds of the 503-seat chamber of deputies agree to authorise impeachment. Senhor Collor, who is accused of taking millions of dollars in a corruption scandal involving his former campaign manager, will be forced out of office for 180 days and face a trial in the senate. He has to be found guilty of "irresponsibility in office" in the senate before he can be removed from office

Although the president's supporters insist that they have the 168 votes required to crush any demands for impeachment, analysis predict that Senhor Collor's days in power are numbered. "The president has totally lost credibility, not just with the public but also with leading businessmen and even in the international community," a Western diplomat said.

Former sympathisers, too, have turned against the 43democratically elected head of state in 29 years. "It would be political suicide to vote against impeachment, the popular feelings against Collor are too strong," José Sarney, a former president, said. "People are watching their deputies as

they vote."
The scandal erupted four months ago when the president's brother, Pedro, told the press that the president used his campaign treasurer, Paolo Caesar Farias, as a front man for private business ventures. Although he later retracted his statement, his alle to a congressional enquiry. which concluded that the president had pilfered at least \$26 million (£15 million) for himself and his family. He was accused of using \$12 million of public funds to landscape the garden at his Brasilia house and buying property abroad. The enquiry also uncovered a network of bank accounts in the names of friends and family, to which Senhor Farias transferred money that had been left over from election funds received from businesses during the 1989 elections.

This totally contradicted Collor's anti-corruption image which he emphasised during the election. That's what turned people against him," David Fleishman, a University of Brasilia professor, said. "Funds left over from the campaign were meant for the public, especially in a country where more than half the people live below the poverty line," he said.



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S everal million Americans tuned in, and several thousand expatriate Britons must surely have freaked out, to Fergie and Andrew: Behind The Palace Doors, a made-for-television film about the marital problems of the Duke and Duchess of York which was aired for the

first time on American television on Monday night. The American film, shot on location in Britain, provided a remarkable insight - not into the facts behind this particular saga, which everyone knows or thinks they know by now - but into America's enduring love of British class stereotypes. At the start of this uniquely squirm-inducing film Sarah Ferguson (played by Pippa Hinchley) bounds onto the set saying things like "I'm always up for a bit of sport." Bit of a giggle, what?" and

The NBC film is highly sympathetic to the Duchess of York, portraying her as a strong-willed, passionate woman abandoned by her husband and brought down

by palace intrigue. Prince Andrew (played by Sam Miller) appears to have brain-damage. "One feels six miles taller when one is at sea," he says. "I leave the In a doomed attempt to

affairs of state to Charles." keep up with real life, the film ends with a a particularly beastly courtier making a heavy handed allusion to the

duchess "taking off her shirt" on holiday, a scene that would no doubt have been filmed if the timing had

The critics sniffed "You can smell the difference," they said, referring to the first issue of The New Yorker, America's most prestigious magazine, to be



Royal pretenders: Sam Miller and Pippa Hinchley star in NBC's television film about the Yorks

edited by 38-year-old Tina Brown, the British-born journalist whose transfer from the glitzy magazine Vanity Fair to The New Yorker has caused something close to panic in New

York's literary circles. Sure enough, hold the new issue to your nose and there is the unmistakable scent of scent, from a scratch and sniff advertisement for perfume that would never have been there in the old days. To all but the most diehard

reader the new magazine may appear little different from the old one. Certainly it is fatter, the type is larger and there is more colour. The new New Yorker, said The Washington Post, "represents the most dramatic reworking of the magazine's appearance in its 67 years". However, it has lost the faintly soporific air that made it a staple of the dentist's waiting-room and a useful pre-drilling relaxant. All over New York yesterday could be heard the sound of angry dentists cancelling their subscriptions.





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Balkan atrocities fail to galvanise America

ACCOUNTS of Serbian atrocities circulating in Wash-ington will harden the Ameri-Europe is disillusioned with the failure of ington will harden the American administration's policy on Belgrade, but the Americans are still a long way from launching a direct attack in the Balkans or even making a big contribution to the peace-keeping force in Yugoslavia.

The State Department now claims to have confirmation the US to commit troops to peacekeeping duties in the Balkans, Roger Boyes, East Europe correspondent, writes

of 50 and then cremated at an agricultural waste factory in Serb-occupied terrain. That is an horrific emotive image which (true or not) is certain to influence United States public opinion and lead to a further toughening against Belgrade in the run-up to the presiden-

tial elections.

The administration has been much criticised by the Europeans, especially by the French, for not having a coherent policy in the Balkans. President Bush is set against committing ground troops to the peacekeeping operation and has been reluctant even to commit Awacs surveillance

aircraft. Because these reconnaissance aircraft would not be vuinerable to attack and could enhance the safety of aid flights and convoys, there has been some disillusion in Euro-

been some disillusion in European chancelleries.

In recent talks in London
and Paris, Richard Cheney,
the United States defence secretary, told America's allies
that Washington was not
planning an "October surprise", that is, a military
operation in either the former
Yugoslavia or Iraq before the
election on November 3.
Indeed, the administration Indeed, the administration is stopping far short of such

are vague signals that, at some future date, America might consider force against Serbia. The vagueness is partly deliberate—to deter the Serbs from spreading war to Kosovo or Macedonia—but it also seems to disguise the absence of a real Balkan policy. The betting, therefore, is that the latest attricts, stories, will focus atrocity stories will focus American anger on Belgrade but that they will not prompt

the Americans.

The result, increasingly apparent, is that the French are taking the lead in international policy in the region. Although 1,800 British soldiers are being committed to protect United Nations aid convoys, the most active contingent is that of the French.

any deeper commitment from

The soldiers have been given the same rules of engagement as the British, but they

Eight French soldiers from UN contingents have been killed in the former Yugoslavia so far. The quick visit to Sarajevo of President Mitterrand was a key marker; the Germans, although noisy about Yugoslavia, are unable to back their words with force; the British, nervous of a longterm Balkan engagement, are entering the fray with great reluctance; and America has a

presidential election. Aid for children: A movement has started in Oranjestad, in the Caribbean island of Aruba, to try to bring a few dozen children who have been orphaned by the Yugoslav war to the island to be adopted by local families.

A group of 28 married couples and some single people, who are seeking to adopt the children, met on Sunday to discuss plans. The Aruba board of ministers

project last week

"We are looking to adopt those children who have been transferred to orphanages in Germany," said Suzy Kook, a petrol station manager who started the movement a few months ago after watching television pictures of the shelling of a bus that was transport-ing children to an orphanage in Germany.

"I believe the principal message here is that the entire world must take notice of something like this. A small group can make a difference in the lives of these children. It

Because Aruba is such a small community, it is difficult if not impossible to adopt local children. There are continuous problems with family members harassing adoptive families, according to adoption officials in Aruba. (AP)

Peace force

helicopters

fired on

in Zagreb

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TWO United Nations helicopters were yesterday fired on as they approached Zagreb, the Croatian capital, according to the United Nations peace-keeping force in the former

keeping force in the former Yugoslavia.

The UN Protection Force (Unprofor) said that the helicopters, with clear UN markings, came under anti-aircraft fire 20 miles from Zagreb airport. Both pilots landed at the airport safely. "It is of immense gravity when people open fire on you from the ground when you are flying peace missions," Cedric Thomberry, the Unprofor civil affairs director, said. The UN

affairs director, said. The UN organisation and the Croatian government are investigating the incident. The attack came when the

white helicopters were at an altitude of 3,300ft and 150

yards apart on their approach to the airport from Daruvar, a western Slavonian town where

Unprofor troops are based.
"The pilot in the second

helicopter saw some yellow flashes below and then he saw,

to the left of the first helicopter

and between the two helicopters, bursts of smoke and fire.

The United States is consid-

ering a quick resumption of suspended humanitarian re-

lief flights to the besieged

Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, per-

haps within days, according to

a senior Bush administration official in Washington. "I am

confident that they will re-

sume, but I just do not have a date yet," the official said. The airlift of essential food and

medical supplies was suspend-

ed on September 3 after an Italian transport aircraft was shot down by a missile. UN officials said yesterday that a

resumption might already be

secretary, flies to Geneva today

for a meeting with Cyrus Vance, the UN peace envoy, and Lord Owen, the Euro-pean Community mediator.

Diplomats said that that could

be linked with a British deci-

sion to follow the Americans

The news about the airlift came after Sylvana Foa, of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, told a briefing that up to 400,000 people forced from their homes in Bosnia could die of the sylvanian or expension of the sylvanian of the sylvanian or expension or expension of the sylvanian or expension of the sylvanian of the sylvanian or expension or expensi

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UN peacekeepers have put intense pressure on the Cro-atian government to prevent

thousands of refugees from

going ahead with a "march to

their deaths" into Serb-held

territory. One official said the

march into the Baranja region of eastern Slavonia by un-

armed refugees impatient to return home before the start of

winter could be a "Balkan

Sharpeville".

In Geneva, Alija Izet-begovic, the Bosnian presi-dent, said that he would be

ready to pull his troops out of

government-held cities if rebel

Serbs opened supply routes

and agreed to the demilitari-

sation of population centres.

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Single market spells trouble for Italy's new Mafia judge

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

LILIANA Ferraro, successor to Judge Giovanni Faicone who was assassinated by the Mafia, yesterday expressed satisfaction at the smashing of a Cosa Nostra cocaine smuggling network operating in a constellation of countries, including Britain. But she added that the battle against organised crime was only beginning as a single European market approaches.

the State Department now claims to have confirmation that about 3,000 Bosnian Mushims were massacred by Serbs in "ethnic cleansing" in May and June. Atrocity and torture reports of varying degree have been compiled and rubblicised in the West

publicised in the West

The latest account, however,

is different because it suggests that analogies with the Nazi Holocaust were not wholly exaggerated. The State De-

partment has two indepen-

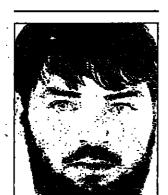
dent accounts that suggest that

throughout the summer.

market approaches.

"The action we are taking against the Mafia is the only form of defence that we have." Signora Ferraro, Italy's director-general for criminal affairs, said at her Rome office in the ministry of justice where Falcone worked until he was killed by a bomb on the road to Palermo in May, together with his wife Francesca and three police bodyguards. Signora Ferraro, 48, the first woman to hold such a senior post in the civil service,

senior post in the civil service, said: "Our work is beginning to bear its first fruit. But before we can give a decisive if not mortal blow to the criminal organisations we need time.



Caught: Vincenzo Scarantino. 27, an alleged mem-ber of the Kalsa Mafia clan, was arrested yesterday and charged with making the car bomb which killed Judge Paolo Borsellino and five bodyguards last July.

Civil society in Europe is faced with a choice. To defend itself or be occupied." Signora Ferraro, who is

travelling to London for a European Community meeting, said "Operation Green ice" was an example of the kind of international co-operation needed to combat those who believe that greater European unity will provide them with ample opportunity for laundering money garnered from drug trafficking. She said: "Operation Green Ice is under way in Italy. France, London, São Paolo in Brazil, New York, Canada and Santo Domingo ... these are things that evidently have a global dimension, that cannot be neglected. Perhaps people now realise that the problem is not purely Italian or Sicilian." The EC justice ministry officials' meeting would set up

a special ad hoc committee of the 12 member states at director-general level to fight the Mafia, she said. It will meet before the end of the year in Rome or London.

Signora Ferraro welcomed the prospect of Britain on Monday becoming the first country to ratify a European accord on combatting money laundering from criminal aclaundering from criminal ac-tivities. She said she also hoped for further harmon-isation of criminal codes, espe-cially the introduction in other EC countries of the Italian charge "membership of a criminal organisation", a catch-all charge used against Mafia bosses.

But the blonde magistrate, who worked with Falcone for ten years, cautioned that successes in the battle against organised crime should not be overestimated. "We must be very careful not to be deceived by false victories. The error that we committed in the past must not be repeated."

Sicilian investigators yesterday announced the arrest of Vincenzo Scarantino, 27, on charges of preparing the Ma-fia car bomb that killed Falcone's friend and colleague, Judge Paolo Borsel-lino, on July 19. The breakthrough was a boost for

national morale. Signora Ferraro, however. noted that the authorities were hulled into a false sense of security in the 1980s after Falcone sent 2,000 Mafiosi behind bars in a series of maxi-trials made possible by evidence from mobsters who

became super grasses.
"Cosa Nostra has a board of directors that is most ferocious and determined," she said. Falcone was certainly the principal target for Cosa Nostra. He was the symbol and for this he had decided there might be a price to pay. It would be mistaken to say he was resigned to his assassination. But Falcone was aware of the determination of the organisation. He knew that once the organisation had decided,

its determination was very "To follow the Falcone method, making our response adequate as we learn how Cosa Nostra functions, is the challenge of the end of this

century, a great challenge for all countries," she said. Another big Mafia assassi-nation of a prominent magistrate or politician in response to the latest moves could not be ruled out. Drawing on a cigarillo, Signora Ferraro said she had come to terms with the prospect that she could be the next Mafia target. "I hope that I will continue

to rationalise the risk. We magistrates have made a decision to work in the state and for the state. I have seen my friends who have done it being killed. I believe it is the just



Gorbachev keeps aura of power

FROM ANNE McElvoy in moscow

IT WAS just like the old days. Mikhail Gorbachev, birth-mark emphasised by the what would happen to Russia if his view of events was not heeded.

bereft of it.

There are signs that he has succumbed to the illusion him-self for, despite the grandiosity of his pronouncements, his main occupation these days is that of backseat driver in the Russian chariot of state at whose wheel sits an implacably hostile and heedless Boris Yeltsin. Did he feel he had anything in common with Baroness Thatcher in this regard? He smiled mysteriously and said they had both seen a lot of changes and he often

and unwise" to turn down help from people like him.

thought of her. He was less gracious about his successor. President Yeltsin was "hasty

Speaking at the think-tank which he runs, he still appears blows of communism.

was still boss. He has managed to retain an aura of power, despite being utterly

lights, strode to the platform and delivered an hour and a half of dire warnings about

He greeted old hands courteously and kept his best rhetoric for the moments the American TV crews were filming. The expression was sombre and the dark eyes flashed with self-belief. For a moment it was possible to believe we had all been cast back in history and Mr Gorbachev

to harbour hopes of a return to poitical life if the old union is resuscitated in some form and said that he did not exclude the possibility of creating his own party. But he is unpopu-lar with ordinary Russians who find his homilies on the virtues of socialism and equality difficult to take when they are still recovering from the

Hatred of gypsies lurks beneath Romania's surface calm

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BOUNTIN DEAL

HAPPY children shout as they play in the street and gnarled old men cycle slowly by in this picturesque mixed gypsy and Romanian village. The scene is one of rural tranquility undisturbed by the political tension unleashed during Romania's elections three days ago.

But under the superficial picture of a pastoral idyll runs

a current of prejudice that erupted in intimidation when

a mob of 1,000 people, called

by the sounding of the village siren, forced two dozen gypsy families to flee for their lives. They have since sold their houses and left for good. Since that incident in the

spring of last year, Bolintin Deal, a village 12 miles from the capital Bucharest, has been quiet. Local people, however, say that any gypsies returning to Bolintin Deal under the repatriation agreement Romania signed last week with Germany would not receive an enthusiastic welcome. Those gypsies in Germany do not want to

work and they went there for an easy life," Radu Nicolae, the deputy mayor, said. "If the ones who come back behave like those who left, we would not accept them. But if they do not, we would give them a second chance."

The accord between Bonn and Bucharest allows Germany to send back the vast majority of the 43,000 Romanians who have tried to use Germany's liberal asylum laws. Only 0.2 per cent of Romanian asylum applications are granted and over half the refugees are gypsies.



Germany will grant Roma-

times that figure. a better life in Germany are not well regarded even by

lion) to help with resettlement, but civil rights groups in the West have denounced the agreement as a victory for the extreme right. There are 430,000 gypsies in Romania according to the last census, but most estimates place the total at between four and five

nia DM30 million (£12 mil-

Until the mid-19th century gypsies in Romania were slaves, to be bought and sold as chattels. The gypsy popula-tion is divided by social background, economics and language. There are about

two dozen clans based on occupation, ranging from coppersmiths to musicians. The gypsy language, originally a form of Sanskrit, has several regional dialects.

Some have suffered badly from the economic reforms in Romania that have triggered soaring inflation and unemployment, but others have prospered under the new economic opportunities. "To be a gypsy is not just an ethnic identity but is also a stigma," Nicolae Gheorghe, vice-president of the International

m are maiss pointres bell, 48, Greg Morgan, 47, are not on the agenda, adding and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight

tors. Cromer roundly declared that Parliament and govern-CAROL LEONARD | ment shared responsibility

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Why be so nasty to the Germans?

We still want to blame foreigners for our faults, says Bryan Appleyard

Te need enemies to convince us we are still alive. We need enemies to blame, punish or simply to give us something to do. There is nothing like a common enemy to stir up a dull dinner party, distract a domestic electorate or keep the army off the streets. Norman Lamont needs the Bundesbank (whether he is apologising or not). David Mellor needs the tabloids. Germaine Greer needs Neil Lyndon. Without them there would be just, well,

money, sex and gardening. The urgency of this need can be underestimated. Francis Fukuyama's celebrated thesis that we were approaching the end of history seems to have made this mistake. He suggested that liberal capitalism was ready to bathe the world in peace, affluence and boredom. No more real enemies. The terminal system had been discovered, so all the big, basic conflicts were obsolete. The Cold

War was the last show-down, the other guy blinked **Princess** and then died. In spite of Yugoslavia, the old Soviet em-Diana's pire and the Euro-Mercedes was pean economies. the theory could still hold. Such turnot just a moil shows there is a lot of history still foreign car, on. But Francis Fukuyama it was a could reasonably say that these are German car, a not big conflicts peacetime V2 volved is fighting against democratic capitalism. In

There is, however, a curious pattern emerging in these post-Cold War conflicts. The key to it is the idea of the natural enemy. The word "natural" here is consoling, it implies that we can do nothing about our hatred and mistrust: it is our destiny to confront our chosen foes because of the implacable demands of geography or selfinterest. The second world war was all about natural enemies - the United States fighting Japan over dominance in the Pacific and Britain confronting Germany over the European balance of power. Nuclear weapons postponed these contests because they were too big to be local, they needed a global playing field. But the Bomb, maybe temporarily, fades and we are back in 1939: strile in the Balkans, trouble in the Caucasus and even the major players are back where

The Japanese attitude to the America is hardening from patronising joviality to straight contempt. The collapse of American manufacturing and the constant whingeing about terms of trade have convinced some Japanese that their old

enemy has lost the will to fight. Among some there is even the ruthless belief that America is being destroyed by its own liberality. Its vapid multiculturalism makes it no match for the hard, corporatised. semi-feudal, unitary culture of Japan. The tough Protestant ethic and energy that conquered the West has been fatally diluted by an excessive individuality. A forthcoming book by Edward Luttwak speculates that this ethical collapse will turn America into a Third World country.

The process is mirrored in Europe. A united Germany makes everybody, Chancellor Kohl included, afraid of a rekindled expansionism. They wish, feverishly, to bind themselves tightly to one natural enemy. France, while the other. Britain, finds itself recreating the confrontation of the Thirties. Humiliated economically and frightened politically, we return to the war years. Our statue of "Bomber" Harris and the German celebra-tion of the V2 rocket become heartless symbols of the idea that nothing has changed, nothing has been learned.

In this context the image of the V2 has particular potency. Considered objectively it is an awesome demonstration of the brilliance of German technology and engineering. But, to some of the British, it was precisely that amoral objective

ity that, in 1939. fired German strategic hubris and murderous conviction. The V2 can-not be just a rather good rocket.

Meanwhile our whingeing and desperate seeking of scapegoats must inspire the same despair in the German imagination as the American amitude does in the Japanese. For both of them that war is over. Forget Pearl Harbour, forget the blitz, this is a

theory at least they all share the different war and they know how to win it. And winning is what they thought they were supposed to do. So precise are these - and many other - recreations of the past that they suggest that, around the world, there is a good deal of 50year-old unfinished business which cannot easily be sublimated in the grand designs of the United Nations or the European Community.

Economic enmities are not necessarily harmless and healthy if they bring with them the symbolic cultural burdens of history. Princess Diana's Mercedes was not just a car, not just a foreign car, it was a week's redundancies at Ford and Rolls Royce were, in the anxious British mind, direct hits on innocent civilians.

And it is those redundancies that bring home the dangerous stupidity of the idea of the natural enemy. Amidst all this ancient symbolism and desperate name-calling, thousands, millions of real people are losing real jobs and all we or the Americans seem able to do is resort to the dictator's old trick of finding an external common enemy to

distract us. But the truth is that natural enemies are of no more use to us than fairweather friends. Some Euro-sceptic's dream of glorious British isolation from all this humiliating complexity or even some Europhile's Maastricht fantasy are both hopelessly beside the point. What is wrong is here and now, and the only natural thing about an enemy is the persistent familiarity of his features on the face of our own failure.

A sequel to Daphne du Maurier's Rebecca may be first-rate, argues Philip Howard

equels, like sons, are generally reckoned not a patch on their progenitors. So there have been predictable cries of blasphemy from fans of Daphne du Maurier at the news that Susan Hill has been commissioned to write the sequel to Rebecca, the romantic thriller that fluttered the war generation, and excited them even more in David Selznick's screen version. In fact, with her strong sense of place and spookiness, Ms Hill is a jolly good choice

to write daughter of the second Mrs

De Winter. The notion that a sequel is necessarily inferior to its predecessor is quite wrong. Sequels come in all sorts, but generally because the characters in the original version made a great impression on the public, and publishers think they can make money out of resurrecting them - which comes to the same thing. The cult of the sequel has been encouraged by Hollywood, with its pathetic lack of original ideas and its chronic mistrust of writers. This produces a dreadful film like Mad Max, and then carries on repeating it ad

The story continued nauseum. It is a bit like all those original. Neither Jo's Children nor Henrys in 1066 And All That. from Henry IV "a split king" to

Henry VI "a very small king". Some sequels are indeed feeble epigoni of their originals. You could say that about Scarlett, Alexandra Ripley's sequel to Gone With the Wind, published last year. You could also say it about The Merry Wives of Windsor, which according to tradition was written at the request of Elizabeth I for a play showing Falstaff in love. Although this has its moments of knockabout farce, and elegiac scenes in Windsor Great Park, it does not cut the mustard in the shadow of Falstaff in the two parts

of the split king. Henry IV. I always found James Bond a charmless and snobbish oik. But his fans say that none of the sequels, not even when written by Kingsley Amis, lived up to the glossy charm (invisible to some of us) of the

any of the other sequels lived up to the first fine innocent rapture of Louisa May Alcott's Little Women. Thank heavens we were spared the sequel to The Fairie Queene. The successors to Jaws were sprats beside the original sabre-toothed.

rubber lobster. But some sequels are better than their originals. French Connection II is an improvement on mark one. I think Alice Through the Looking-Glass is better than her Adventures in Wonderland, but both are so good that they have merged into a seemless Alice saga. I prefer Euripides to Sophocies on Electra. Malory and Tennyson are better on King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table than their rude and multifarious and multilingual sources. That story, the Matter of Britain, is an example of nothing but sequels, with no single identifi-

Some good books are prequels, not sequels. In Wide Sargasso Sea Jean Rhys did a brilliant revisionist job on Rochester's mad wife in the attic, but it all took place before he met Jane Eyre. All Jane Austen's novels, which end in marriage, are crying out for sequels to find out hat happens to the heroines. With some sequels, glossy airport

adventures with such monolithic titles as Airport. Hotel. Wheels. Rivals, and Polo. to ask whether the sequel is better than the original is to try to settle the point of precedency between a louse and a flea. There is no point. These are carefully packaged mixtures of sex, thrilis, greed and envy for an inattentive and thick audience captive in their lap straps.

When sequels do something very different from the original there is no point in comparing them. Tom Stoppard's Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead is a fine

play, but it works on a different stage to that of its mighty original George Macdonald Fraser's Flashman is more fun but in a different genre from his alter ego in Tom Brown's Schooldays. The wanderings of Stephen, and Bloom, and Molly through Dublin in James Joyce's Ulysses corns spond roughly to the episodes in Homer's Odysser, It is a sequel of sorts, but it is an original work of art. on its own. How shall we compare all Homer's other sequels, from the Aeneid to Kazantzakis and Seferis, to their original, the foundation of all Western fiction?

A great book or a memorable character merely provides the peg for those who come after to write the sequels. From then on, the writer is in charge, and must recreate her characters from scratch, to please her fantasy, but remembering that there are a lot of readers out there who take a fiercely proprietary interest in fictions that have brightened their lives. Good luck to Susan Hill. She must ignore all barracking and advice from the touchline. But I do hope she brings Mrs Danvers back to nasty life.

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Now let the people decide

POLITICS

as the British Labour party ever so cynical as in this week's rejection of a Maastricht referendum? The case for denying the public a vote was, in Gerald Kaufman's words, that "Maastricht is the Tories' problem and we shouldn't turn it into Labour's problem." This from the party of the 1975 referendum on the great constitutional question of the decade!

Nothing sends a shudder through Westminster so much as the word referendum. The reason is simple. A referendum is a second opinion by an unqualified person or persons unknown. It infringes the political closed shop. It suggests less than total confidence in the parliamentary process. It implies that the Commons may occasionally be an imperfect mirror of the public mind.

The idea of the absolute sovereignty of Parliament has a long history much beloved of MPs, beloved especially of the cabinet into whose safe keeping that sovereignty is mostly entrusted. This paternalism, the horror of plebiscites, the aversion even to "free" votes in the Commons, have yielded two centuries of constitutional stability. So why, ask MPs, have referendums? What need has the nation of populist quackery when a reassuring Harley Street finger is on its pulse? The answer is that each facet of

any constitution, especially an unwritten one, should regularly be hammered on the political anvil to test its strength. John Major and John Smith are now in bizarre coalition not just to push ahead with Maastricht, but to do so with a minimum of real (rather than cosmetic) accountability.

"Only the full-hearted consent of the British people," was the phrase used by Sir Edward Heath and all his successors as the basis for each advance towards European unity. Mr Major may not at present have it. Polls variously suggest a majority against ratification, though not too big to be reversed by vigorous campaigning. But they also show 70 per cent in favour of a referenMr Major mean by full-hearted con-sent? Maastricht is not a trivial item of public spending, or some minor adjustment to the sheepmeat premium. It is a constitutional

blockbuster. The issue was briskly put on Monday by Tony Benn: "What is it that allows the Danes to say yes or say yes or no, the Irish to say yes or no but says we do not think the British people are qual-

Many European

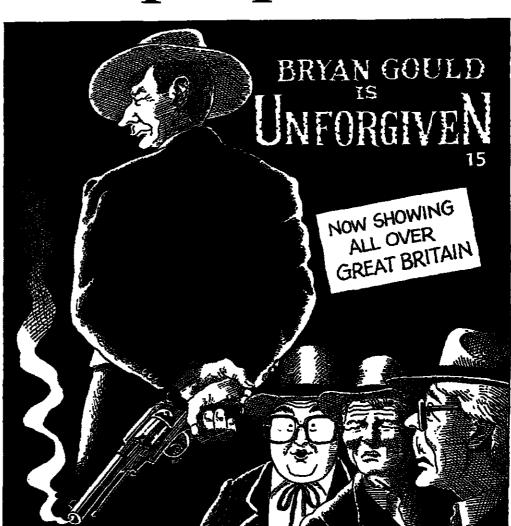
leaders, especially the Germans, are tired of being lectured by British ministers on their need to "answer" to the House of Commons, as if the latter were an independent estateof the realm. They science and know humbug when they see it. Ministers are "subject" only to intermittent backbench rebellion from the majority

which they have a

arsenal. Mr Major sought initial approval for Maastricht, he ordered a if that sovereignty is periodically desestating anti-backbench bardelegated to Parliament, the nation devastating anti-backbench bar-rage. Any who wished to take a line independent of the government had to forswear all prospect of office, all hope of honour and all chance of future perks. To call this parliamentary sovereignty in action
— let alone the full hearted consent

of the people — is laughable.

Much is made of the authority of Dicey in such matters, the closest the British constitution is to being "written". But Dicey pointed out that sovereignty lies with "the nation", not with Parliament. Even



Simon Jenkins on why Britain needs a referendum

may reasonably require its direct sanction on constitutional change

by means of referendum. Few Tory leaders have de-murred. Balfour advocated a referendum on tariff reform in 1910. Baldwin promised his party one on imperial preference in 1930 "to thunderous applause". Churchill suggested a referendum in 1945 on prolonging the parliament. Labour introduced a referendum on Europe in 1975. Authority, precedent and common sense all

favour a referendum on Maastricht, irrespective of its outcome. Before the French voted on September 20, Mr Major appeared to accept that a French No to Maastricht would apply to Britain de facto. This was despite his commitment to his European Council partners that they would all go ahead with ratification even after the Danish No. A British prime minister thus acknowledged that the French people could veto a change to the British constitution, but that the British people could

not. He would not even permit

MPs, recently elected, to form a free judgment on the matter. They would whipped through the lobbies. This is intellectually indefensible.

I know Mr Major has his reasons. All are opportunistic. He fears a referendum might go against him and be seen as a political defeat. He is tired and bored by Europe and cannot face campaigning for it. The fight would divide opinion within his party, as it would within Labour. Neither he nor John Smith needs that just now. It may be grim comment on British political institutions that they are not thought robust enough to sustain a non-partisan debate on the future of Europe. But as long as all party leaders stand foursquare together. with the government machine behind them, none can gainsay them. Mr Major is known to be play-

ing Maastricht "long". But the French and Germans disagree. They want ratification soon and know that a joint Tory and Labour three-line whip can deliver it. The one thing to get Mr Major off this hook would be a

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referendum. Instead, he flounders. He protests that Maastricht was "ap-proved" at last April's general election. But he cannot say how. Dicey spins in his grave. Not since Joseph Stalin boasted 98 per cent electoral support have we heard such nonsense. Or do prime ministers no longer regard elections as choices, merely beatifications?



...and moreover

have been in this business for know it is a business. I did not think it was a business when I went into it. But after I had been in it for 15 minutes, I had a rough idea, and 32 subsequent years have served only to endorse that first impression. So when writers talk about being in the business. they are not fending off the risk of pretension, they are not coyly dissembling the conviction that it

is an art, a vocation, a passion. they are merely stating the facts. The 15 minutes began at 6.30 pm on September 17, 1960, at the publishing party for my first book. I had never been to a publishing party before, but, convinced that it would be swarming with poets, novelists, playwrights, and all manner of belletrists, I therefore saw to it that my corduroys were suitably wrinkled, my suede shoes scuffed, and my tie askew, and that the hair I conveniently then had was flopping unkempt Bohemian hanks. I also selected the 29 bus against my trusty Rudge, because I knew that I should leave the party not only roaring drunk but with knuckles so barked from thumping other writers that I should be unable to grip the handlebars. What we should all have been thumping one another about were such topics as whether poets had become derelict of political duty, whether alienation was not a cul-de-sac into which the theatre had recklessly driven itself, and whether the novella was an unaccountably neglected form. and we should have chosen drunken thumping as the resolution of our differences because that's what writers did, look at Scott, look at Dylan, look at Ernie, look at Brendan, one minute you have a full bottle of Jack Daniels grasped by the base. next minute an empty one

grasped by the neck. Then I walked into Faber's little soirée. Everybody was wearing a charcoal-grey suit and discussing contractual sub-clauses, relevision adaptations, agents' percentages, fees on the lecture circuit, second serial rights in New Zealand, and second homes in the Perigord. The only time a voice was raised above a decorous murmur was when some luminary was moved to complain of cavalier treatment at this literary lunch or that when he had been forced to speak second after some major dietician or minor royal, at which observation everyone else, rather than sticking one on him, merely capped his anecdote.

I have, since then, been to perhaps a thousand similar gatherings, and they have all been the same. For all their brilliant eccentricity and perilous intemperance, our literary lions might have been ovenware salesmen or dental technicians convened to launch their autumn ranges.

Until last Sunday night. Last Sunday night, the Writers' Guild of Great Britain threw their annual awards dirmer: they threw it at the Dorchester, they threw it in black tie and shimmering gown, and they threw it for and with those who do their business in great inkwells. There were, after a suitably corporatist dinner. ringing keynote speeches from literary industrialists, and then there was an awards ceremony in which senior literary employees and entrepreneurs received those mantelpiece gee-gaws which generally presage a smart career move. And after four hours, John

Osborne got up; more or less. He was there, as the evening's crescendo, to receive the Guild's lifetime achievement award. He made it to the podium, a fortunately sturdy item, where he began to ramble rudely, so that, very soon, a lot of tuxedos were urging him to get off, and a lot of other tutedos were growing furious at the irreverence being directed towards a great, albeit legless, man. Eventually, Alan Bleasdale, Alan Plater and Alan Rickman helped him from the dais (I would have joined in had my wife not shrewdly pointed out that four Alans might invite more ridicule than was strictly called for), but not before skirmishes had broken out between the factions incensed by his unbusinesslike behaviour and those incensed by the lack of pity for a stricken hero. When I tell you that female independent producers wept, you will have some measure of the moment.

But what nobody appeared to recognise was that this was exactly how a great writer should behave. I had waited 30 years to see a literary genius get drunk and trigger a chic assembly into war, and that it was done by Osborne, at the fire in whose belly we have all warmed our hands for so long, was quite the most joyous part of the entire business.

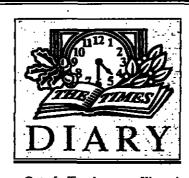
No flunkey business

EVEN before John Smith delivered his first leader's speech yesterday, seasoned conference observers had noticed a dramatic change from the style of his predecessor. While Neil Kinnock cultivated a presidential manner with the atten-tions of a coterie of advisers, Smith has adopted a quieter, understated

approach. Kinnock's arrival at conference functions was always preceded by an "advance party" of officials, blowing the trumpet for the leader's arrival. Smith has impressed delegates with his unprepossesing manner, turning up to such events without fanfare and accompanied merely by his wife and a discreet police escort. His low-key style is in stark contrast to the enjoyment Kinnock clearly derived from sweeping into receptions surrounded by a gaggle of aides armed with mobile telephones, who would rush around looking stressed.

Even out of office Kinnock seems to run a larger entourage than the new leader. Returning to his hotel on Monday night the former leader was escorted upstairs by at least two former aides, including Sue Nye, his one-time secretary. who now works for Gordon Brown.

By contrast Smith prides himself on being able to organise his own life. He arrives back at his hotel with just his wife and without a flunkey in sight. The new leader has also dispensed with Kinnock's style gurus such as Barbara Follett. who ordered the double-breasted suits and colour co-ordination. Smith has insisted on sticking to his sober bank manager look. The argument goes that Smith may not have changed his suit in 30 years but (unlike Kinnock) he hasn't changed his views either.



Out of office, however. Kinnock has also dispensed with the designer image and seems years younger. The suits have been replaced once again by sports jacket and slacks and the former leader has lost about one and a half stones in weight. The years of being chauffeur-driven to official bunfights where plates and glasses were refilled as if by magic took their toll. Without his chauffeur, Kinnock is driving himself again and his friends say it has had a dramatic effect on his waistline. "We are both on diets," says Glenys Kinnock. 'And it must be working. We both feel great."

• The news that Sir Norman Fowler is negotiating the parameters of Baroness Thatcher's appearance at the Tory conference in Brighton next week has set tongues wagging at Central Office. If the former prime minister recently earned £500,000 for a single appearance in the Far East, could the party not be persuaded to stump up a million for her not to

Blue ribbon

JOHN MacGregor discovered the advantages of being transport secretary when he flew back from Brussels to open the new Hayes bypass yesterday. MacGregor had flown to Brussels on Monday from

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Heathrow after turning up at RAF Northolt to find his original flight cancelled due to bad weather. The drive to Heathrow was horrendous, particularly because the new Hayes bypass remained unopened and MacGregor made his flight with just seconds to spare. Yesterday, on his return from Brussels - timed perfectly to land at Heathrow for the short ride to the opening ceremony - his flight was diverted to Northolt. He was in danger of missing the ceremony until he hit upon an idea. That a road is not officially open might deter the ordinary motorist but why should it delay a transport minister?

MacGregor ordered the barrier to be removed and drove up the deserted carriageway to arrive bang on time to cut the ribbon at the other end - before making the "first" official journey back down the new

Uncivil service

BRITAIN'S top civil servants and their leader William Waldegrave will come under the beady eye of business psychologist John Nicholson today at their "away day" at the Civil Service College in Sunningdale, Waldegrave has appointed Nicholson as a special adviser and "customer care" guru. "It's about teaching civil servants to give a service civilly," says Nicholson, whose first career was as a rock musician with a group called The Blue Monks and Their Dirty Habits. Nicholson denies that he has been appointed to give a new lease of life to the flagging Citizen's Charter but admits: "People were suffering from Charter fatigue. This could be as powerful a social trend as

Thatcherism"... Hello campers

RED may be dead in the Labour champagne weekend suite worth £1.000.

to make a comeback among one of the party's most influential trades union backers. John Edmonds. leader of the GMB, is proposing to hold the union's annual conference next year not in Blackpool, where he is currently enjoying the delights of the Labour conference, but in a holiday camp — Butlins, Bognor Regis, home of the redcoats and the favourite holiday haunt of Terry Major, the prime minister's elder

Yet the proposal has bitterly di-



vided the brothers and sisters. Some are all in favour of the savings from the cheap deal. Other officers fear the union will never be taken seriously again. Hi de hi.

 The Ritz has declared an amnesty on up-market kieptomaniacs.

The hotel is willing to barter lost brica-brac for its "heritage room" due to open next spring. Terry Holmes, the hotel's manager has drawn up a barter list. A piece of Ritz crockery will earn afternoon tea. A Ritz chamberpot will buy a night for two in the hotel. And a bedroom vanity set is worth a champagne weekend for two in a



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SMITH'S MISSING AGENDA

John Smith's first leadership speech to the Labour party conference yesterday could have been that of an election victor. There was no admission of defeat. He did not see any need to update the "enduring values" of the Labour party. He did not believe that the British people lacked a sense of compassion. decency or honour. But he left one gaping question unanswered. If all that is true, why did Labour lose the last election?

Mr Smith criticised the government with great verve and wit. A talent for attacking the other side, however, is not enough. Mr Smith insisted it was not his wish to lead a party of opposition for long. But he said nothing about whether or how he intended to reform his party and its policies to make it electable as a party of government.

Little in Mr Smith's speech was new or different from the sentiments expressed by his predecessor. Neil Kinnock. He reiterated his support for the role of trade unions and their links with the Labour party. He praised the minimum wage. He sung the virtues of active government. It was as if he genuinely believed that "one more heave" would win Labour the next election without any need for change.

For Labour this is dangerously complacent, though it may be understandable from Mr Smith's Scottish perspective. In Scotland Labour is securely in possession of the political high ground. If he were to talk to voters in the South of England, however. he would hear a different message. Southern Discomfort, the research study on wavering voters in the South conducted by the MP. Giles Radice, found devastating indictments of Labour as old-fashioned, dominated by unions and, most damagingly, as a party that wants to hold people back.

Labour derided John Major during the · last election campaign for visiting an out-oftown DIY store. Nothing could more strongly illustrate the gulf in understanding between kabour and the skilled manual workers who are no longer its supporters. Home ownership and DIY are the new religions of these upwardly mobile floating

voters; and unlike Labour, the Tory party does not patronise them for it,

People who have saved up to buy their own homes and "get on in life" are fiercely individualistic. Labour must prove that it respects their values. They would welcome a move to one-member one-vote in the party's debates. The block vote is a standing reminder of the vested interests to which the party is still tied and the collectivist ideology to which it is still in thrall.

Labour must talk about opportunity too. It emerged most strikingly from Southern Discomfort that people thought Labour wanted to keep working-class people working class. The party cannot afford to sneer at people who want to better themselves. For instance the Conservatives offered local authority tenants the right to buy their council house. People who exercised this right believed they had moved up in the world. They felt that Labour disapproved, and would take the advantage away if it could.

Labour has to persuade such people that it is at home with the sort of market economy that has brought prosperity to most of them over the past decade. A party that is still officially committed to "procure for the workers" the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange will be hard put to preach the virtues of consumer capitalism with any credibility. True, hardly any Labour members still believe in Clause IV, but that is all the more reason to get rid of it. Abolition of Clause IV would provoke nothing like the battle that Hugh Gaitskell faced in 1959-60. It would be a symbol that Labour had finally shaken off its antipathy to the private sector.

Mr Smith should not allow himself to be distracted from these long-term tasks by resting upon his short-term political advantage. Even if Labour were to lead the Tories in the polls continuously until the next general election, it could easily lose again. The dramatic night of April 9 surely proved to Labour that a lead in the polls is no substitute for a cross in the box in the privacy of the polling booth.

TAYLOR TO THE RESCUE

The new Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor, has taken over just in time to save the government's penological bacon. Its Criminal Justice Act, which comes into force tomorrow is a muddle. Nobody knows whether the act is meant to be tough or tender: it has been criticised and praised for both tendencies. The heart of the confusion is over sentencing policy. And it is here that Lord Taylor's hands-on approach, together with his unexpected but welcome attention to public relations, could make sense of a law that could otherwise prove unworkable and

deeply embarrassing to the government As the senior judge, he is about to issue a practice direction to his judicial colleagues warning them of a trap they could fall into as soon as the act is in force. In a laudable effort to make jail sentences imposed by courts correspond a little more closely to the terms actually served, the act states that eligibility for release on parole for prisoners sentenced after tomorrow will start half way through the sentence. At present they are eligible after serving only a third of it.

Hitherto, if a judge thought a prisoner deserved at least one year behind bars, he had to sentence him to three years. Under the act, to achieve the same time in prison he will only have to sentence him to two. But an uninitiated public, noticing only a reduction in the apparent "going rate" and not the explanation of it, might think the judge had gone soft. Judges do not like being thought too lenient. The temptation therefore will be to impose the same formal sentence as before, which in practice would mean longer in prison in each case and a further burden on the already overcrowded prison system. Lord Taylor's practice direction is intended to urge them to resist that temptation.

In due course, cases under the act will start to reach the criminal division of the Court of Appeal, which Lord Taylor heads. He is in effect warning judges that if they ignore the changes in the law on parole and apply the same sentence tariff as before, the Court of Appeal will overrule them. Judges like that prospect even less than they like the public thinking them too lenient.

There is more to the act than that, however, and further guidance on sentencing from Lord Taylor, when cases reach the Court of Appeal or preferably sooner, is bound to be necessary if a coherent penal policy is to be sustained. The most controversial intention of the act is the greater use of service orders. The great uncertainty is whether public opinion will tolerate what may seem to be softer sentencing, or whether alternatives to prison - "painting old people's homes" is the standard image of community service - will be regarded as hardly punishment at all.

Lord Taylor and his fellow judges would be wise not merely to apply the letter of the act, but also to take note of shifting public attitudes to crime and punishment. If noncustodial sentences do not gain public confidence, over-reliance on them could bring the entire criminal justice system into disrepute. Police would feel demoralised, victims unavenged, criminals undiscouraged, and the public scandalised.

Every society must make up its own mind what punishment fits which crime. There is no scale of penalties which will be valid for all time. But sentencing is not just a private matter for judges and magistrates. There must be open debate. For that to be well informed, judges must emerge from the secrecy of their chambers and the cosiness of their inns, and state what is on their minds. That is exactly what Lord Taylor did at his first press conference yesterday. It was like throwing open the windows in a closed and stuffy room.

BEASTLY TO THE HUN

Politics means never having to say you're sorry - especially to foreigners. Norman Lamont may now "regret" the impression given by the media that he was offensive to the Germans over their role in the pound's recent difficulties. Using the classic escape route from an awkward corner, he was only "sorry if their feelings were hurt". With the Tory tabloids and backbenchers awash with Boy's Own Paper stereotypes of the heelciicking Iron Crossed Huns, whatever the Chancellor said was grist to their mill. Prudence would have had a tighter lip.

The Germans may understand that his remarks were harmless British banter for domestic consumption. Context is all. Sir Teddy Taylor, talking yesterday about Germans being too big for their jackboots, was not entering a tact competition but coining a witty phrase for the press. The comic Nazis in television's 'Allo 'Allo, and Basil Fawlty's Hitler salute, are an exercise of the British sense of humour - and its very next target will be the British themselves. Nothing is sacred, not even HMQ.

Life with good allies, like any good marriage, can be dull. Quarrels add the necessary spice. There is a shortage of real enemies now there is no Cold war. Friends have to serve instead as best they can. The French are less convincing objects of British ridicule now de Gaulle is gone, the plumbing has improved, gartic and frogs' legs are to be found on British menus too and only poor Jacques Delors is left to play

demon for the cartoonists. At the risk of stereotyping, the British love their foreign stereotypes. Americans are the gullible globe-trotting innocents in blue rinses and loud check. The Japanese, all with identical cameras and funny English, no longer conjure up the Bridge Over the River Kwai, perhaps, but are still conjured up on screen by the late Benny Hill. Not all jokes at the expense of Pakistanis are told with ill intent. And then there's the Irish. Old Nazis and new may keep British

cartoonists in business. But the "towels on the beach" joke is more a compliment to the Germans than an insult. A growing number of Britons now associate the Germans with qualities like courtesy, efficiency, dynamism. Theirs is a nation that works, a nation with a conscience, even a nation worth envying. Fighting them on the monetary beaches may rouse some temporary Churchillian spirits. But even the mighty mark has its admirers here.

What Britain needs - and necessarily therefore the rest of Europe - is a form of variable geometry in demonology. (Perhaps the rules could be established by treaty.) Too many nations have had it too good for too long. When was the last time public opinion turned on the Dutch? Or the Danes? Or even the noble Portuguese? Against the mark, French financiers count as friends: against

the CAP, French farmers are the foes. Have not the Dutch farmers ruined the milk market by over-production, and are not their football hooligans as bad as the British? The stolid Danes may share a shell-hole with Britain on the Maastricht battlefield, but that is just for today. What has British foreign policy ever been but the endless manipulation of international alliances?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Maastricht, sovereignty and parliamentary democracy

From Professor Stephen Haseler

Sir, Lord Pearson of Rannoch (letter. September 24) in arguing for a referendum on the Maastricht treaty asserts that "our parliamentary democracy has already betrayed the sovereignty of the Queen in Parliament to Brussels".

This strange, archaic way of formulating the political case against European integration - involving ruritanian constitutional notions of threats to "sovereignty" and "the Queen in Parliament" — is still all too prevalent in the British debate about Europe. The real issue surrounding the proposed European union is not that it will, thankfully, consign the vestiges of our domestic ancien regime (including the residual pomposities of Crown and Lords) to history, but, rather, how it can best secure democracy and accountability for the peoples of Europe.

Of course, I understand the difficulty faced by many British politicians in raising the democracy issue. Proclamations issuing forth from the unelected House of Lords about the dangers posed to democracy by European integration are farcical. As are calls for a referendum on Maastricht by members of the House of Commons (where a "majority" is derived from only 42 per cent of the vote). As are lectures on the superiority of British democracy ("Mother of Parliaments" et al) from members of a polity in which basic rights are not entrenched and civilised Western concepts like the separation of powers and the separation of church and state are resisted.

Until we put our own democratic house in order attacks upon the European union, and calls for the retention of "sovereignty", will seem little more than special pleading — on behalf of domestic privileged interests threatened with extinction.

Sincerely yours, STEPHEN HASELER, 2 Thackeray House, Ansdell Street. Kensington, W8. September 25.

From Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP. and Mr Tom Spencer, MEP

Sir, The Danish and French referendums are the end of the line for a Europe run by elites making decisions behind closed doors. It is clear that such elites can no longer deliver popular consent.

It must also be the end of the line for a process which keeps national parliaments out of decision-making and asks them to vote for package deals

Members from the different national parliaments need to meet each other to discuss the major issues and to learn, as we do in Strasbourg, what kind of policies will get broad support and which will not.

There is now an overwhelming case for a second chamber of the European

Parliament elected from and by nat- From Mr W. J. Kilpatrick ional parliaments, meeting pethaps a week a month for a first-reading debate on proposed legislation. The subsequent votes on this legislation in their national parliaments would no longer be a rubber-stamp.

Yours etc., FRED CATHERWOOD, MEP for Cambridge and North Bedfordshire (European People's Party (Conservative)), TOM SPENCER, MEP for Surrey West (European People's Party (Conservative)),

From Sir Philip Goodhart

European Parliament, Brussels.

Sir, Many people will agree with the powerful arguments put forward in your leading article. "Let the people speak" (September 22), but only Parliament can decide whether or not a referendum on the ratification of the Maastricht treaty should be held.

Both the prime minister and the Leader of the Opposition in the Commons debate have reaffirmed their belief that Parliament must decide.

Present tensions within both of the principal parties in the House of Commons could be reduced if, after the next European summit meeting in October, the Leader of the House were to introduce a motion authorising an eventual referendum on ratification of the treaty, and the prime minister were to announce that there would be a completely free vote on this issue for Conservative ministers and back benchers. The Leader of the Labour party could then be encouraged by the prime minister to allow a similar vote for all his parliamentary supporters.

It would, in fact, be in the long-term interests of both the Conservative and Labour party whips to have a completely free vote in order to reduce the risk of future party splits.

Yours faithfully, PHILIP GOODHART, 25 Abbotsbury Road, Kensington, W14.

From Professor Emeritus I. C. Whitfield

Sir, The 1975 referendum did not establish "that the question of Britain's EC membership was no longer at issue" (leading article, September 22), though the error is now a common one. The 1975 referendum was about continuing membership of the European Economic Community. a proposal we were led to believe was something much more limited.

Had everyone then realised the slippery slope on which it has since turned out that we were embarking, the outcome might well have been different.

Yours faithfully, I. C. WHITFIELD, Coley Pits Farm, Coley Pits Lane, Wychbold, nr Droitwich, Worcestershire.

Sir, Mr Major keeps putting it about (parliamentary report, September 25) that because I voted Conservative at the general election this proves my support for Maastricht. It does nothing of the sort. I voted for the party not because of its manifesto, but in spite of it, and in the belief, whimsical as it may now appear, that the Conservatives would prove marginally less inefficient than their opponents.

It is these false appeals to a supposed mandate that make the objections to a referendum so doggedly listed by your correspondents (letters, September 22, 24) seem trivial in comparison.

Yours faithfully, W. J. KILPATRICK. The Meadows. Woodhurst Lane, Oxted, Surrey.

From Mr Miles Hudson

Sir, As Director of the Conservative Group for Europe during the 1975 referendum I was heavily involved in the Conservative campaign. I find myself in total agreement with Sir Peter Smithers (letter, September 21) the excesses of Brussels have indeed gravely damaged the cause of European unity.

Recent events have proved that one cannot buck the financial market. The political market is the same. When, and if, the peoples of Europe want a federal state we will have one. But not

Yours faithfully, MILES HUDSON. The Priors Farm. Mattingley, Nr Basingstoke, Hampshire. September 21.

From Mr James Ross

Sir. It is somewhat ironic and selfdefeating to Peter Millar's case in his article, "Why do we fear Europe?" (September 24), that he mentions the Charlemagne prize, awarded "to great proponents of the European cause". Charlemagne's attempt to unite Europe took even less regard of popular opinion than that of the Delors and Heath era of Euroenthusiasts. I quote from the Revised Annals of the kingdom of the Franks

No fewer than 4,500 of the Saxons were handed over and at the place on the river Aller called Verden, at the king's command. all beheaded in a single day.

It seems more than symbolic that the facts lurking behind a supposed hero used to promote a modern-day European state are less genial in reality than myth.

Yours faithfully, JAMES ROSS (Chairman, Oxford Bow Group) Christ Church, Oxford. September 24.

From Mr Roger M. Goss

Sir, Though an active supporter of voluntary euthanasia I still, rather surprisingly, agree with almost every-thing written by Bernard Levin in his excellent piece ("No justice in a merciful release", September 24) on the case of Dr Nigel Cox, with one

Until "living wills", also known as advance directives, stating the circumstances under which a patient does not wish treatment to continue are legalised, as is the case in many other parts of the world, there will be countless more cases like that of Mrs Boyes, whose attempted murder Dr Cox was charged with.

Presumably Mr Levin is prepared to risk an ending similar to hers in the interests of precluding some other greater evil. Most of us are not. Nor do we believe a compassionate and merciful God would want us to.

Yours sincerely. ROGER M. GOSS (Member, Executive Committee. The Voluntary Euthanasia Society), 4 Old Manor Yard, SW5. September 24.

From Mr Alex Carlile, QC, MP for Montgomery (Liberal Democrat)

Sir, I am adviser to the Overseas Doctors Association as well as a lay member of the General Medical Council. I would caution the advocates of euthanasia for their dangerous over-confidence in the omnipotence of modern medical technology.

These advocates say that only when a patient is beyond reasonable care, or in a continuing coma, or tortured by an incurable disease should enthanasia be permitted. But which doctor is so certain of himself, or his modern science, as to predict when a patient is beyond recovery or not?

If euthanasia were legal, would doctors, God forbid, see cuthanasia as a best and most efficient option to prolonged and uncertain medical care? Would it become an option to be used on the most difficult cases?

I deny that any doctor is in the enviable position to state with certainty the future recovery of their nationts. It is true that recoveries in such circumstances, miracles they sometimes seem, are too few; but they ർമ രയും.

If patients give enduring power of attorney in a living will to their lawyer or friend, it becomes his or her responsibility to make sure that euthanasia is

The role of 'living wills' in dilemma over euthanasia carried out in the event of a horrible debilitating accident. But what if the family of that victim wish to carry on treatment in the hope of that clusive miracle? We would then see a harmful and controversial suit over who speaks for the victim.

> Even worse, what if the doctor in such a case, as we see with some cases of abortion, is morally opposed to euthanasia and refuses to carry out the fatal dosing? Would there be litigation between the victim's lawyer and his doctor? In such a confused situation, who would finally exercise the terrible decision of life or death? If cuthanasia were legal we would

> enter into such a frightening area of legislation and litigation as would thwart the best of intellectual argument. My father was a provincial doctor, from whom I learned the medical maxim "Do no harm." I believe that, despite the labyrinths of legal and moral questions, that simple truism should prove decisive.

Yours faithfully, ALEX CARLILE, House of Commons.

From Mr Robert Rhodes, QC

Sir, The trial of Dr Cox has revealed the inadequacy of the law of murder as it now stands. Unlike any other offence in the criminal calendar, a judge has no discretion in sentencing a person convicted of murder: the sentence of a sane adult is imprisonment for life.

Dr Cox was charged with, and convicted of, attempted murder because his patient's body had been cremated before police made their enquiries, and the prosecution was therefore unable to prove that the unfortunate lady had died as a direct result of his injection. Since the penalty for attempted murder is entirely within the sentencing judge's discretion, the trial judge was able to pass a non-custodial sentence.

Had the patient not been cremated. however, and had the prosecution been able to prove that the injection caused death, Dr Cox would have been convicted of murder. In those circumstances, the judge would have had no alternative but to sentence him to life imprisonment. Such a sentence would have been an affront to anyone of the slightest humanity.

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Efforts, strongly supported by the judiciary, were recently made in the House of Lords to change the mandatory sentence for murder, so as to give the trial judge discretion in sentencing. The government successfully ocposed such a change, arguing that the public was not ready for it. Dr Cox's case surely shows that not to be so.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT RHODES. 2 Crown Office Row, Temple, EC4. September 23.

From Mr Derek Dean

Sir, Two important points have been lost sight of in the furore surrounding the judgment on Dr Nigel Cox. 1. Potassium chloride, the drug which

Dr Cox administered to his patient, is potentially lethal. It is not and never has been a recognised form of pain 2. All members of the health-care

team should be involved in decisions on the treatment of terminally-ill patients. The RCN (Royal College of Nursing) is very aware of the complexity of the medical, nursing and ethical issues surrounding terminally-ill people; but there should be no point at which efforts to control pain should cease. We are currently working with the British Medical Association on joint guidelines for treatment of patients at the end of life.

Yours faithfully. DEREK DEAN (Director of Nursing Policy and Practice), Royal College of Nursing. 20 Cavendish Square, W1. September 23.

From Mrs Susan Elks

Sir. How do I explain this conundrum to my young teenage children? An act of compassion, carried out in exceptional circumstances, by a caring doctor with the full awareness of his patient and her close relatives, results in that doctor being treated as a criminal.

A short time ago other men were sent to kill and maim tragis, many of whom were no more than innocent victims who had the misfortune to live under a tyrant. Those men were welcomed home as heroes.

Yours sadly. SUSAN ELKS. 17 Manton Hollow, Marlborough, Wiltshire. September 22.

Heritage query on Pitchford Hall

From Somerset Herald

Sir. The contents of Pitchford Hall. Shropshire, the accumulation of more than 500 years, will have been dispersed today. Since 1473, 19 years before Columbus discovered America. the hall has passed by inheritance through the families of Ottley. Jen-kinson, Cotes, Grant and Colthurst. Descent through the female line is interesting genealogically and enriched the contents for the genealogist both in pedigree rolls displayed in the house and varied heraldic decoration.

Those interested in heraldry will presumably continue to go to Pitchford to see the wonderful 13th-century wooden figure of Sir John de Pitch-ford in the church, but the fine run of about 50 English portraits in the house referred to by Mr Christopher

Foley (letter, September 10) will have gone with the other contents. English Heritage produced a plan to save Pitchford Hall and its contents which was overruled by the then heritage secretary. Although it is too late to save Pitchford is it appropriate that a government minister whose tenure of office may be short can overrule a scheme put forward by English Heritage?

Yours faithfully, THOMAS WOODCOCK, Somerset Herald, The College of Arms. Queen Victoria Street, EC4. September 29.

Firing lessons

From Mr Noel Ayliffe-Jones

Sir, The essence of retaliatory fire is speed and accuracy. To insist (report, early editions, September 23) that retaliation by British troops under attack in Bosnia-Herzegovina should be with the 81mm mortar merely ensures that the enemy are given plenty of time to move from the spot from which they fired.

Mortars should be used only in their proper role of indirect fire weapons. Against snipers and antitank rockets there is nothing quicker or more discouraging than three quick rounds of 30mm high explosive delivered within seconds. The 30mm cannon on armoured personnel carriers and reconnaissance vehicles is ideally suited to this purpose, especially in the close country through which the escorted convoys will pass.

1 am, Sir, yours faithfully, NOEL AYLIFFE-JONES 1 West Dean, Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Controlling squirrels

From Mrs R. Neill

Sir, Mr John Bryant (letter, September 25) might not feel so charitably disposed towards grey squirrels if he had suffered as my friend living

outside Conwy, Gwynedd, has. First, squirrels got into the engine compartment of a parked car and stripped all the electrical system of anything they could chew away. Next, she noticed a smell of gas outside the house and discovered that they had chewed away most of the rubber connection between propane cylinders and the pipes conducting the fuel into the house: this could have caused an explosion if anyone passing had been smoking. The gas engineers told her this is quite common and the only remedy is to put a steel cage round the connection.

There have been only grey squirrels in the area for many years.

Yours faithfully, R. NEILL 20 Raven Lane, Ludlow, Shropshire. September 25.

Hospital charges From Mr S. Glaser

Sir, During the last two weeks there has been criticism of the earnings of a small group of medical consultants (report, September 9; letters, September 15, 18). It would have been fairer to take account of inflation and the

rise in other hospital charges. In 1947 a member of my family was in a local mursing home for major surgery. The cost was £1.05 (one guinea) per day. There were no extra charges for X-rays, drugs, dressings, theatre, etc. This year an admission for one night for minor surgery cost

I remain, yours faithfully. S. GLASER, 54 Church Street, Bathford, Bath, Avon. September 24.

Backyard bounders

From Mr G. J. C. Smelt Sir. As well as Mr Russell Hawkes's

Nimby-Whistlers (letter, September 25) there are those who come to Rimby-Astop (retire into my backyard and sell the old pile). I will be unable to indulge as the previous owner of my house lives at the bottom of the previous garden.

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Yours faithfully, G. J. C. SMELT. Honewell House. Leeds Road, Lightcliffe. Halifax, West Yorkshire. September 25.

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died. But she insists bonfires

Dairmid Glencairn-Campbell, 48, Greg Morgan, 47, are not on the agenda, adding and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight *

dent sexist," he says. CAROL LEONARD

treatment more into line with that of incorporated competitors. Cromer roundly declared that Parliament and government shared responsibility

names. Yours faithfully ALAN SMALLBONE 30 Temple Fortune Lane, NWII.

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KENSINGTON PALACE

September 29: The Princess Mar-

garet, Countess of Snowdon, was

present this evening at a Reception

given by the Air League at the Royal Air Force Club. Piccadilly.

September 29: The Duke of

Gloucester today visited Hamp

shire and was received by Her

Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel

His Royal Highness this morning opened the Staunton Way Footpath, St Francis Church, Rid-

The Duke of Gloucester afterwards visited the Havant Housing Association at Maple House.

Association at Maple House, Leigh Park, and later opened Park Community School, Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant. His Royal Highness later opened the new Training Unit of Southampton City Training, 18

Melbourne Street. Southampton. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

September 29: The Duchess of

Kent this morning visited Repton

School to open the Garden House for Girls and was received by Her

Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).

Her Royal Highness later visited
Spa Court, Disabled Housing
Service, Derby.
The Duchess of Kent this after-

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ers Lane, Leigh Park, Havant.

Mrs Jane Stevens was

KENSINGTON PALACE

Sir James Scott, Bt).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE September 29: The Princess Royal. Master, the Worshipful Company of Loriners, this morning attended a Trade Liaison and Finance Court Room, Guildhall, London

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, then attended an Annual Conference at Glaziers Hall, London SE1.

The Princess Royal this evening attended a Presentation given by the Royal Naval Presentation Team for the White Ensign Association at St James's Palace.

Her Royal Highness, President. Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief, afterwards attended the Working Dinner for Vice Presidents at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1-7 Great George Street, London SW1.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 29: The Prince of Wales this evening returned from a visit to Rome and Bologna. Mr Peter Westmacott was in

The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Guinness Trust, this morning visited the Trust's Housing Estate at Stamford Hill, Hackney. London N16.

Captain Edward Musto, RM was in attendance.
Her Royal Highness afterwards attended a Lunch given by His Excellency the Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt (Mr Mohamed Shaker) at 75 South Audley Street, London Wl.

The Viscountess Campden and Mr Patrick Jephson were in

Memorial service

was held yesterday at St Bride's.

Fleet Street Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Malcolm Reid,

brother, read the lesson, Miss

Anna Sharkey read from Jane Austen's Northanger Abbey and

Mr Jonathan Cecil read Miss

Sheenagh Pugh's Sometimes. Mr Ian Richardson gave an address.

Among others present were:
Mr Howard Whitten (husband), Sir
Martin and Lady Reid (brother and
sister-in-law), Dr Donald Reid
(brother), Mrs Malcolm Reid (sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Patrick Whitten
(stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Mr
and Mrs Francis Reid, 'Harriet Reid,
Mr James Reid, Mr and Mrs Timothy
Reid, Mr and Mrs Tom Reid, Mr and
Mrs David Owen, Mr and Mrs
Christopher Clarke, Miss Billie
Stotham, Miss Matgaret Stephens,
Mrs Kathleen Allison, Dr Philip Reid,
Miss Alice Reid, Mr Daniet Morgan,
Mr Michael Lafferty, Miss Lilly Zan,
Miss Zee Gwait.

MISS Zee Gwait.
Lord O'Brien of Lothbury. Sir Leo
Plianzky, Sir Gordon Borrie, QC, Lady
(Frank) Wood, Mr Martin Karmel
irepresenting the British Bankers'
Association), Mr Geoffrey R Kelly
(Barclays de Zoete Wedd), Miss Joy
Stromberg (Yorkshire Bank), Professor
Raoul Franklin (vice-chancellor, City

Among others present were:

Miss Margaret Reid

noon opened the Eagle Centre Market and visited the Royal School for the Deaf, Derby. Mrs Colin Marsh was in University) and Mrs Franklin, Mrs Beryi Chiny (also representing the principal and fellows, St Hugh's College, Oxford), Miss Gillian O'Connor (editor, Investors Chronicle), Mr John Freeman (Retuers), Mr Brian Nicholson (Lloyd's of London Press), Mr T M Farmilloe (Macmillan Press), Mrs Etzabeth Spurrell (St Peter's, Hammersmith). A memorial service for Miss Mar-garet Reid (Mrs Howard Whitten)

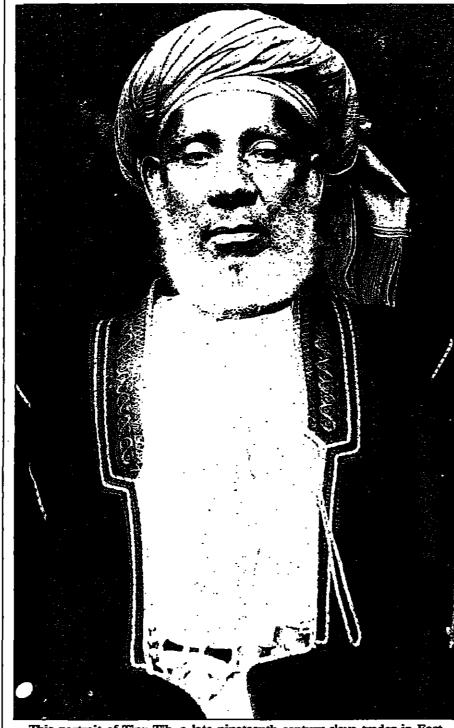
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Mr Richard Lambert, Mr David
Chipp, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Morgan,
Mr George Dickson, Miss Constance
Curmmings, Miss Muriel Skeet, Mr
and Mrs Robert Blake, Mr and Mrs H
Cole, Miss Lorna Kingdon and Mr
Reith Jeffery.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Frederick Sleigh Roberts, 1st Earl Roberts, field marshal, Cawnpore, 1832; Herman Sudermann, writer, Matziken, Germany, 1857. DEATHS: Fulke Greville, 1st

Baron Brooke, poet and states-man, murdered, London, 1628; George Whitefield, evangelist, Newbury Port, Massachusetts, 1770: James Brindle builder, Turnhurst, Staffordshire, 1772: Georges Boulanger, soldier and politician, committed suicide. Brussels, 1891; Rudolf Diesel, engineer, pioneer of the internal



This portrait of Tipu Tib, a late nineteenth century slave trader in East Africa, is one of many remarkable pictures held by the library

£3m appeal to save library

By Simon Tait, arts correspondent

BRITAIN's archival memory of its Empire and the Commonwealth will be saved if an appeal launched last night succeeds in raising £3 million.

The Royal Commonwealth Society Library, founded in 1868, is the most complete history of colonial British life, but it is threatened with being broken up and sold because of the society's lack of funds.

The Queen and Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother have contributed to the fund,

and the Prince of Wales is Cecil Rhodes, a chronicle of patron of the independent the British mandate in charitable trust set up to Palestine and 70,000 acquire and save the library. photographs. Sir Patrick Sheehy, chair-man of the trust, said: The The trust has raised £1.5 million and has until March

library is unique and its break-up would be a sad 31 to raise the rest. The library comprises 500,000 books. manureflection on the value we place on our heritage. Future scripts, pamphlets and catalogues and covers the full generations could justifiably regard its forced dispersal as range of British imperial and Commonwealth history, politics and biography. vandalism." Among the manuscripts are letters from Stamford Raf-

If the appeal is successful the library will move to fles, David Livingstone and Cambridge University.

Birthdays today

Sir Stanley Bailey, former chief constable, Northumbria, 66; the Rev Dr Gordon Barritt, president, Methodist Conference, and former principal, National Children's Home, 72; Lord Belstead, 60; Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, RTZ Corporation. 63; Mr Kevin Brewer, former governor, Maid-stone Prison, 43; General Sir Edward Burgess. 65; Professor Geoffrey Chisholm, surgeon, 61; Viscount Cranborne, 46: Professor Sir Etic Denton, marine biologist, 69; Sir Peter Fawcus, colo officer. 77; Mr Staffan Gadd, banker, 58; Mr A.E.S. Green, painter, 53; Mr A.R. Hacker, clarinettist and conductor, 54; the Right Rev Patrick Harris, Bishop of Southwell. 58: Miss Deborah Kerr, actress, 71; Professor F. Lievellyn-Jones, former principal. University College of Swansea, 85: Mr Johnny Mathis, singer, 54: Sir Nevill Mott, physicist, 87: Mr Ian Ogilvy, actor, 49; Mr Stewart Steven, editor, London Evening Standard, 54; Mr J.LM. Stewart (Michael Innes), author, 86; Mr Donald Swann, composer, pianist and singer, 69; Sir Peter Yarranton, chairman, Sports Council, 68.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the Church of Scotland's Residential Home at Archvarasdal, Reay, Thurso, Caithness, at 10.20.

The Princess of Wales will open the new phase IV block and com-mission the magnetic resonance imaging unit at Treliske Hospital, Truro, at 11.45; as Patron Freshfield Service, will visit the offices at 10 Strangeways Terrace, Truro, at 1.45; and, will open Phi Magnetronics at Bickland Indus-trial Park, Falmouth, at 2.50.

The Duke of York will visit the Royal Hospital School, Ipswich, 2.00.

The Princess Royal will open the new flats for the YMCA and the Sanctuary Housing Association, Jennyfields, Harrogate, at 10.25: as Patron of SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Associ-ation, will visit Henshaw's College. Harrogate, at 11.00; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the fund's shop at 23 Goodramgate, York, at 11.45; and, as Patron of the National Association of Cinzens Advice Bu-reaux, will attend the annual meeting and conference at York University at 12.50.

The Duke of Kent will vist Scott Bader, Wellingborough, at 11.35; will visit Rushton comprehensive school. Northamptonshire, at 2.15; as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit PED (Staden), Earl's Barton, at 3.25; and, as President of the Scout Association, and Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, will attend a grand dinner at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, at 7.15 in aid of the Northamptonshire Scout Appeal.

Inner Temple

Sir John May has been elected Treasurer for 1993. Sir Stephen Brown has been elected Reader.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C.A.L. de Serpa Pimentel and Miss F.M. Keith

The engagement is announced between Carlos, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Maruel de Serpa Pimentel, of Tadley, Hampshire, and Fiona, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Keith, of Twineham, West Sussex

Mr R.G. Frankel and Miss S.J. Moorman

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr Mervyn Frankel, of Rozel, Jersey. and the late Mrs Gillian Frankel. and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ray Moorman, of Milverton,

Mr P.J. Freeborn and Miss C.M. Goldie

The engagement is announced between Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Freeborn, of Hampstead Garden Suburb, London, and Christina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. Goldie, of Livingston, Scotland.

Mr A.K. Hardie and Miss A.L.J. Waddell

The engagement is announced between Adam Ker, younger son of Mr and Mrs Donald Hardie, Gartocharn, Dunbartonshire, and Alexandra Isabei Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Waddell, Edinburgh.

Mr S.N. Mace and Miss D.J. Osborne

The marriage will take place on October 31, between Simon, eldest son of Mr John Mace, of Harrow and Mrs Irène Mace, of Chelsea. and Diana, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Osborne, of Aberaeron, Wales.

Mr S. McClean

and Miss J. Skelton The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Captain C.F. McClean and of Mrs Heulwen McClean, of Valley, Anglesey, and Janie, daughter of the late J.H. Skelton and of Mrs Patricia Skelton, of Dunster, Somerset

Mr C.Y. Nuti and Mrs B.E. Guiniven

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Mr Horace Nutt and of Mrs Clare Nutt of Bancroft Park, Little Abington, Cambridgeshire, and Barbara, eldest daughter of Mr Hugh (Tim) Gornall and Mrs Maureen Gornall, of Chipping,

T ancashire Mr H.M. Shepherd-Cross

and Miss D. Bygum Clausen The engagement is announced between Harry, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Shepherd-Mr and Mrs James Snephere-Cross, of Greens Norton, Northamptonshire, and Dorte, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Claus Bygum Clausen, of Wimbledon, London, Mr Cl. Thomas

and Miss R.K. Wood The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Dr and Mrs David Thomas, of Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, and Romyanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wood, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr A.C.H. Vanderpump and Miss LA. Steele

and Miss LA. Steele
The engagement is announced
between Antony, only son of
Mr Richard Vanderpump, of
Dormans Park, West Sussex and
Mrs Margaret Smithers, of
Penshust, Kent, and Imogen,
younger daughter of Mrs Announced
Banks, of Woldingham, Surrey
and the late Mr R.W. Steele. Mr G.E.R. Wood

and Miss C.T. Johnson The engagement is announced between Edmund, son of Mr and Mrs John Wood, of Great Gaddesden, Hertfordshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Canon and Mrs Anthony Johnson, of Semley, Wiltshire.

Marriage Mr D. Owen

and Miss E. Cox

The marriage took place on Samrday, September 5, at the Church of St Thomas the Martyr, Winchelsea, of Mr David Owen, younger son of Dr and Mrs John Owen, to Miss Emma Cox, daughter of Mr Andrew Cox and Mrs Carol Cox.

Memorial concert Mr Richard Tresahar Jeffree

A memorial concert to celebrate the life of Mr Richard Tresahar Jeffree was held last night at the Leighton House Museum, Holland Park

Mr Edmund Harkin and Mr Christopher Clark played Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major. Miss Elisabeth Harrison, soprano, sang from Giulio Cesare by Handel, from Adriana Lecouvreur by Francesco Cilea and from The Beggar's Opera.

Mr Hilton Marlton, tenor, sang from Mozart's Don Giovanni. Miss Tamsin Dalley, mezzo-so-prano, sang from Saint-Saën's Samson et Dalila and Mr Garry Magee from Rossini's Guillaume Tell.

Miss Judith French and Mr Thomas de Maliet-Burgess gave

Church news

The Rev Graham Richard James, Domestic Chaplain to the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, is to be appointed to the Suffragan See of St Germans, in succession to the Right Rev John Richard Allan Llewellin upon his translation to the Suffragan Bishopric of Dover. The Right Rev Michael Whinney, Assistant Bishop, diocese of Birmingham, is to be appointed to a vacant residentiary canonry in Birmingham Cathedral.

Resignations

The Rev Mary Vickers, World Mission Officer, diocese of Worcester: to resign (to join mer amount who has been appointed an Army Chaplain).

The Rev Gary Wilton, Curate, Clevedon St Andrew and Christ Church (Bath and Wells): to resign as from 30 September.

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BIRTHS	
ABERCROMBIE - On September 24th, to John and Ellie, a son. Gordon Theodore.	
AL-MASRI - On September 26th at the Humana Hospital Weltington, to Shukri and Eman, a daughter, Aya Shiraz.	
BANO - On September 21st, at Queen Charlolle's Hospital, to Elizabeth (née Sheehy) and Andrew, a daughter, Felicity Alice Elizabeth, a sister for	

BARON - On September 9th 1992, at St Mary's. Paddington, to Rosamund and Francis, a son, Nicholas

Asserton Parry.

COOK - On September 25th. at Greenwich District Hospital, to Catherine (née Toovey) and Richard, a daughter, Amelia Alice Tyrer, a sister for Camilla. COOK - On September 29th 1992. at John Raddiffe Hospital. Oxford. to Christine (née Chadwick) and Alastair. a son. Jonathan Sutherland.

DE LOTBINIERE - On Sep-lember 24th 1992, to Onky (née Leveti-Scrivener) and Glies, a daughter. Florence Mary, a sister to Thomas. Mary, a singer to I nomes.

FAULKNER - On September

28th 1992, to Deborah and

Mark, a son.

FISKEN - On September 24th

1992, at The Portland,

Hospital, to Margaret-Ann

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HARBOTT - On September 27th, to Sisphable and Phillip, a daughter, Elizabeth, a sister for Oliver. KELLY - On September 22nd 1992, to Elizabeth thee Eaglestonet and Benedict, a son, Humphrey Martin Noel, a brother for Thomas.

LANGDON - On September,
25th 1992, to Vicky (mée
Henderson) and Ben. a
magnificent son. Max David.
a grandson for Lillian.
George. David and April. and
a nephew for Beth. Martin,
Miles. Kay. Anne. Jill and
Jean-Liv

LAVERS - On September 16th. to Felicity (nee Langley-Humt) and Michael. a son. Other. a brother (or James and Chioe.

McWilliam - On September 23rd 1992, at The Portland Hospital. to Nichy (nee Breuer) and Bruce. a son, Andrew Breuer. MOMAN - On July 29th 1992, lo Clulia Inée Almone Marsani and Praveon. 2 son. Partha Agastya Leg. MONTLAKE - On September 24th. at The Portland Hospital, to Suzanne unde Ackerman) and Nicholas. a daugnier. Nikila Moyra. a

MORTON-AMOR - On September 28th, to Marissa (née Alcala) and Hugh, a son, Martin James, a brother for

Karina.

NUTTALL - On September
28th at St Thomas's
Hospital, London, to Nick
and Sarah (abe Mundy), a
son, Frederick (Freddie)
Ernest Seagrout.

SALIMBENI - On September
26th, to Clare (née Fawsett)
and Crispin, a third son,
George William. SHIRLEY - On September 25th. to Julia (née Bryson) and Mark. a daughter. Amelie Rose Montgomery. a sister for Max.

SIMS - On September 27th, at The Royal Free Hospital, to Felicity (née Randolph) and Metvyn, a daughter, Ella Minette, a sister for James. THOMPSON - On Septembe 29th, to Jos and Rory, a daughter, Jevany Catherine. VANDENBERG -

September 15th 1992, to Carolyn inee Wellings) and Peter, a sort. Peter Nicholas Liewellyn. WORSDALL - On September 19th 1992, to Rosemary Inée 19th 1992, to Rosemary inée Prosser) and Guy, a son, James William, a brother for Alice, YOUNG - On September 18th 1992. to Suzzane thee Sharp) and Dean, a daughter.

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ALLDAY:WHEELER - OF September 30th 1967 Congretulations on your 25th, may like promises of temorrow be fulfilled. Love Diane and Helen.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

HAY:LAWLESS - On September JOth 1942 in London.
John to Snetis, Love and congratulations from Moira and
David, Sandra and Peter and
grandchildren Alexander.
Matthew. Juliet and Sean. hay:LAWLESS On Septem ber 30th 1942, at St John' Church. Hyde Park Crescent London. John Alexander to Shelta. Presently a Richmond. Surrey.

DEATHS

AiTKEN - On September 28th 1992, suddenly in Colchester Hospital following a stroke at home. Anne (née Hunt), much loved wife of Robert and mother of James, Jame, Nicola and Karen, and grandmother of her eight grandchildren. Private cremation followed by Memorial Service at Earls Coine Parish Church on Monday October 8th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations may be sent to Cancer Relief Macmillan Pund. 18-19 Britten Street, London SW3 STZ.

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DEATHS

ALTHAM - On Friday
September 25th, Oona,
peacefully in hospital
following an operation,
beloved wife of Group
Captain John Altham and
much loved mother of Jane,
James, David and Elizabeth,
Grandmother of Henriette.
Marc. Joseph and Matthew:
great-grandmother
Madeleine and Arnaud,
Funeral at Little Shetford, great-grandmother of Madeleine and Arnaud. Funeral at Little Shelford. Cambridge, on Monday Octo-ber 5th at 11.30 am, Flowers to A.F. Townsend, 18 High Street, Great Shelford, Cambridge CB2 5EH.

ANDERSON - On Septemb ANDERSON - On Septemoer 28th, peacefully at home. Sir Kenneth Anderson KBE, CB. By his own wish, no funeral or other observance.

BARCLAY - On September BARCLAY - On September 27th, peacefully at his home in London. Christopher Stephen, aged 30, beloved and courageous on of Anne and the late Patrick, much loved brother of Nick and Jake and flance of Michele. Funeral Service on Friday October 2nd. Chodleigh Parish Church. Devon at 2 pm. Flowers please c/o Hugh Mills Gaze. 68 Quoen Street. Newton Abbot. or donations in his memory to the Haemophilla Fund (Research). St. Thomas' Hospital. London. BROWN - On September 28th

Thomas' Hospital. London.

BROWN - On September 28th
1992. pearchuty, after 10
months' struggle with Motor
Neurone Disease, Dr. Ben
Brown, formerly of Swinton,
Yorks. Senior Fellow of
Oriet Collège. Oxford,
husband of Hilda Meidrum.
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Servico in Oxford later.
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COOKSON - On September

29th 1992, at home. Peter
Henry Cookson M.C. T.D., beloved husband of the late
Joan and much loved father
and grandfather. Foureral
Service at St Peter's Church,
Upper Staughter, on Tuesday
October 6th at 11 am.
followed by private
cremation. Family nowers
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CRIPPS - On September 28th., peacefully at her home, Dorothea Margaret, beloved, wife of Tony and much loved mother of Seddon. Jeremy, and James. Funeral Service 2 pm Tuesday October 6th at St. John the Baptist Church. Frieth. Flowers to W.H. Easterling., Braybrooke.

Easterling. Braybrooke Road. Wargrave, Berks., lel: (0734) 402301. (0734) 402301.

CORKERY - On September 26th, peacefully at Henford House. Warminster. Group Captain Martin Patrick Courtenay Corkery A.F.C. RAF creitred), aged 81. Son of the late Colonel and Mrs Corkery of Taunton, father of the late Richard Corkery. grandfather of Adam and Kate and brother of Major T.R. Corkery. Funeral will be held at Salisbury Crematorium on Friday October 2nd at 11.15 am with a Memorial Service to be held at a lafer date. Family flowers only, donations to RAF Bassevolent Fund c/o Farnfield & Nicholits. 37 High Street. Warminster. Williams BA12 9AJ.

CROCKFORD - On September 27th, peacefully, Dr. A.L. Crockford C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. of Hexham. Northumberland, aged 95 years, beloved husband of Dorts.

DAVEY - On September 23rd 1992. suddenly at home. Malcolm Richard Herbert Davey, eged 77 years. Service Worthing Crematorium, Findon, on Monday October 5th at 2 pm. All enquiries please to F.A. Holland & Son. Terminus Road, Littlehampton. tel: (0903) 713939.

DOUGLAS-HOME - On bOUGLAS-HOME - On September 28th 1992, suddenly but peacefully at home, William, Funeral on Friday October 2nd, 12 noon at All Saints Church, East Meon, Hampshire, Flowers to Steel & Son, Chesil House, 6 Chesil Street, Winchester.

DOWMES - On September 25th 1992, suddenly, Hector Ingram. aged 88, beloved husband of Jessie and father of Celia. Funeral Service at St. John's Church. Hurst Green, Oxied. Surrey. on Friday October 2nd at 11.30. Family flowers only. donations to St. John's Church, Hurst Green, The Arches Charriable Trust. The Mental Heelith Foundation or Age Concern c/o Epbuli Funeral Service. High Street. Limpsfield. Oxied. Surrey. tel: 108835 713767.

FINCH - On September 23rd, Ceorgina Finch (nee Ross) in Harpenden after a short itness, adored wife of Alan and devoted mother of Julie, Ann and Toby. Donations if desired to Botton Village Trust, Danby, N. Yorks.

HUDSON - On September 28th, peacefully at home, Dr. Maurice Hudson M.B.B.S.London, M.R.C.S., D.A.England, F.F.A.R.C.S., aged 90, much loved husband of Freda, father and grandfather. Cremation at Eastbourne on Tuesday October 6th at 3 pm. Enquiries to Mummery F/D, Beschill (0424) 730418.

INGLIS - On September 26th 1992 at Grantham Hospital, aged 84 years. Canon Angus. beloved husband of Kathleen. father of Rosemary. Robin and Richard and grandfather of Nicky. Pabrick. Andrea. Alexander. Helena and Thomas. Funeral Service at Belton on Monday October 5th al 2 pm. Enquiries to David Holland & Son. London Road. Grantham, (0476) 64979.

JOHNSTON - On September 28th, Dr. Nafra Johnston, formerly of The London Hospital and St George's Hospital. Funeral Service at St. Andrew's Church. Totteridge Lane, N20, on Monday October 5th, at 2.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired, to The Royal Marsden Hospital, London.

DEATHS

LEEMING - On September 26th 1992, suddenly at Worcester J.A. Leeming (Jack). husband of Pat (née Boyle). father of Nigel and Charlotte. I/C Radar Barge on the River Irrawaddy, 1944/45. 1944/45.

LLOYD - On September 28th, peacefully. In her 9/2nd year, Bessie, widow of Sir Thomas Lloyd. Loved mother of Peter and David, grandmother of Charles, Claire, David, Mark, Susan and Tessa. Funeral and cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Forge Wood, Balcombe Road, Worth, Crawley, on Monday October 12th at 11.30. No flowers but donalions if desired to Friends of the Royal Botank Gardens, Kew, Richmond, TW9 3AB.

MATHEWS - On Santember

Richmond, TW9 3AB.

MATHEWS - On September 25th, peacefully, Alizon Mary, twin sister of Rosamumd. Cremation at New Southgate Crematorium, Brunswick Park Read, Nil. 2 pm Friday October 2nd, No flowers by request.

MC GOUN - On Tuesday September 29th 1992, Gertrude Alice Obadie nee Beamish) beloved wife of the late Colonel Archibald MC Goun. loving mother and grand-mother. Funeral Service at 3pm Thursday October 1st at Holy Trinity Church Schull followed by committal in Schull Graveyard.

MEYNELL - On September

SCHOOL Graveyard.
MEYNELL - On September
28th 1992. Doris isabel
(Pool) belowed wife of the late
Lieut. Colonel Hugo Meynell
and much loved mother of
Didi and Hugo. Private
funeral at St Michael's
Church. Kirk Langiey.
Derbysture. on October 2nd. Derhyshire. on October 2nd.
PAINE - On September 27th
1992. after a long litness.
John, aged 77. greatly
missed by family and friends.
Memorial Service, East
Sutton Parish Church.
Monday October 19th 11.30.
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East Sutton Parish Church.
c/o The Vicarage. Sutton.
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Valence, Kent, ME17 SAW.

PARKER - On Friday
September 25th 1992, Victor
Geoffrey, formerly of
Stratford-upon Avon, peace
fully at Moreton-in-Marsh
Hospital, aged 82. Father of
Torn and grandfather of
Harry and Ross, Funeral Service at St Peter and St Paul
Church, Long Compton, 12
noon Saturday October 3rd
1992. Donations if desired to
The Church Fabric Fund.

SASSE - On September 28th, Dominic, in the aircresh at Kathmandu. Beloved husband of Mary and much loved father of Lydia and Joshus. Donations if desired to the F.H. Sasse Foundation c/o L.J. Powell. Richards Butter. Beaufort House, 15, St. Botolph Street, London ECSA 7EE. SPRING - On September 27th

TAYLOR - On September 1.1th 1992, Dennis. Beloved Husband of Hazzel, Father of Deidre, Linda, Susan & Cyn-thia. Grandfather of 3. Born in London 1924. Long time resident of CT. USA. Former president of Ex America Lid.

TRIPPETT - On September 27th, Myra. wife of the laia Group Captain Roy Trippett. beloved mother of James and Mary. Thanksgiving Service at St. Marry's, Church Road. Barnes SW13 on Wednesday October 7th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St. Mary's Church.

TYLER - On September 29th 1992. in Prahran, Victoria, in her 94th year. Elbal, widow of William Harold Tyler. M.M., geologist, Dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Ewen, Aldyth, Antony and Mary, and much loved grandmother and gradi-grandmother. Fumeral 2 pm on Friday October 2nd at St. Martin's. Hawksburn, Victoria, with Holy Mass for the repose of her soul, also on Friday, at noon at St. Thomas of Canterbury, Sevenoaks, Kent. Donations to The Villa Maria Society, 355 Stud Road, Wantirna South, Victoria 3152. Australia.

Wilson - On September 26th, very peacefully at her home in Chipping Campden, Zene, widow of the laie Dr. Donald Wilson of Chichester, mother of Patrick. Sandy and Hillary, stepmother of Gill and Robin and sister of Oilvia. Cremation private. Family flowers only. Donations if so desired to The British Diabetic Association c/o Allen & Son. High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh. Glos.

SERVICES WILLIAMS - Dr. Cicely, CMG OM Jamaica DM FRCP. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the Chapel of Samerville College. Oxford, October 31st at 11 am.

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MEMORIAL

IN MEMORIAM -CARTER - Brian Austen. Always in our thoughts, we miss you: Linds and all the family. FORDMAM - 1905 - 1991 A.W. (String) "And if the while I think of thee dear friend all losses are restored and surrows end."

SPRING - On September 27th, suddenly at home, Weymouth, aped 82, John Spring, Lt. Cdr. FE, RNR, beloved husband of Patricia and father of Jose and Peter, Any donations to RNL, West Quay Road, Poole BH15 1HZ. Funeral Directors 10305) 772789.

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Dated the 24th day
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30 Easthourne Terraca, London,
W2 GLF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the
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DATED this 24th day
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TWEAT (b) A European species of shad, Alosa finta, origin not ascertained: "Two species which ascend certain streams about the month of May, the Tweat shad and

SHOOGLY (a) Scottish dialect for unsteady, from shoogle to swing, sway back and forth, tremble in a rocking motion. "Ye've slopped my tea. The table's all shoogly. Stick your napkin under the log."

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WILLIAM DOUGLAS HOME



William Douglas Home, playwright and author, died at his home in Hampshire on September 28 aged 80. He was born in Edinburgh on June 3, 1912.

WHEN in April 1951 William Douglas Home went to see Tommy Brand, later Lord Hampden, to ask for his daughter's hand in marriage there seemed a high possibility of refusal. Douglas Home, on his own reckoning was a "cashiered officer. and an ex-convict, what's more. Not to mention a dramatic author, socalled, with a new play on in London that won't last a month." But he got his wife. Rachel, in a marriage which lasted until his death and he went on writing plays, more than 40 of them. There were flops, usually when he turned to historical subjects: no-one now much remembers Betzi dr The Douglas Cause. But William Douglas Home at his most urbane could command the theatre's top stars and at one point had four plays running simultaneously in the West End.

 The Douglas Homes were a large, comfortably rich and tightly-knit Alec, who was to become Conservative prime minister, and the omithologist Henry, whose son Charlie was To edit The Times. He followed both to Eton, where he overcame hs prep school nickname of "Codfish" and where Alec described him as "rather good-looking, in an Asiatic kind of way". His father, the thirteenth Earl of Home, attained theatrical immor-Tality when William used him as the model for the eccentric peer, the Earl of Lister, in his early success The Chiltern Hundreds, who is in the habit of potting rabbits from his dining room window.

William Douglas Home's Oxford career was erratic. He was rusticated for attending smart London dinner parties, when he should have been behind New College's gates, and

made the national press — " PEER'S SON SENT DOWN". He drove to his finals in a phaeton drawn by a large horse irreverently named Lily after Oxford's lady mayoress. And eventually he picked up a fourth for answering a lot of questions, but not necessariy those set by the examiners.

More importantly he formed a lifelong friendship with the future cricket commentator. Brian Johnston.

His taste for the theatre was sparked by a performance from John Gielgud in Richard of Bordeaux. While at Oxford he wrote a play called Great Possessions, about Buchmanism, which was staged at the "Q" Theatre and moved to the Duke of York's. He applied for RADA: was accepted without hugeenthusiasm, and eventually made his stage debut with the Brighton repertory company in 1937. The immediate pre-war years, partly spent in an Eaton Square flat shared with Johnston, were distinctly Wodehousian. Douglas Home took his tails to the theatre, sometimes to wear as one of the butlers he was required to play on stage but more likely to don after the theatre dinner party.

The outbreak of war brought out Douglas Home's first major crise de conscience. He was a conscientious objector in the sense that he always. believed there was room for negotiation with Germany because of the number of citizens there unsympathetic to the Nazi cause. However, he did join up and became an officer. This did not prevent him, though, fighting three by-elections while in the army (always unsuccessfully) as an Independent standing against Churchill's demand for "Uncondi-

tional Surrender". Douglas Home's strongly held beliefs were put to their severest test when he was part of the force ordered to take Le Havre. He insisted that the civilians should be evacuated before



the bombardment, a request which was refused on the grounds of lack of time, although the German commander was agreeable. Captain Douglas Home spent the battle, during which there was considerable loss of life, on the sidelines. He drew attention to his action in a newspaper letter and, mainly because of this, was court martialled, stripped of his rank and sentenced to a year's

imprisonment. He paid deeply for his actions and the scar remained. As late as 1991 he applied for a rescinding of the court martial order and the Queen's pardon, but the appeal was turned down. In 1944 he was sent first to Wormwood Scrubs and then to Wakefield Prison. These experiences formed his first great theatrical success, Now Barabbas, written in 1946 after his release. This wholly realistic play of prison life began at the Boltons Theatre Club in Chelsea. before moving to the Vaudeville. It was later filmed, with Richard Greene and Cedric Hardwicke.

The Vaudeville was also the theatre for his next play, The Chiltern Hundreds, which ran for two years. It, too, was filmed, with the title changed to The Amazing Mr Beecham for the American market. In it William Douglas Home used both his family and his knowledge of politics. He touched a chord in what seemed to many to be a topsy-turvy post-war world and he provided a Matthews as the Earl of Lister. Matthews, in his mid eighties, was asked how he managed to keep acting and replied "I read The Times objusary column and if I'm not there I go on stage." Douglas Home could have written that line, which was later recycled by many actors.

Plays followed in a steady flow, some well received and some not When the audience - and especially the gallery - showed disapproval Douglas Home was quite ready to show his own distaste for them in a curtain speech. His light boulevard comedy style was generally preferred to his historical pieces. In the latter. such as The Thistle and the Rose, he was apt to raid his own family history. There was trouble, too, when he attempted a subject considered

risqué. Aunt Edwina concerned a sex change, which some of Home's regular admirers considered rather disgusting, and not even a series of impassioned stage speeches could

keep it going.

Probably his biggest popular success came in 1955 with The Reluctant Debutante. The cast was much to Home's liking. He shared a passion for horse racing with Wilfrid Hyde-White; Celia Johnson was a friend and a favourite actress, who was to appear in several more of his plays; the girl of the title who rebels against the London "season" marked the debut of Anna Massey. All brought exactly the polish to proceedings, required by "The Deb". It had a long run at the Cambridge before going to Broadway and onto the screen. For the film William Douglas Home had to do a little hasty rewriting when MGM insisted on casting Sandra Dee in the title role.

Douglas Home became an international name and for a moment it looked as though Hollywood might gobble him up. Dino de Laurentis signed him to script a picture called The Best of Enemies, starring David Niven and Alberto Sordi, but there were few of his words left in the final version, as he described ruefully in his second volume of autobiography. Mr Home, pronounced Hume.

Back in London there was a revolution in theatrical taste to contend with. John Osborne's Look Back Theatre alight and a great gap was opening between Sloane Square and Shaftesbury Avenue. Douglas Home remained firmly anchored at the latter address and had no truck whatsoever with the so-called kitchen sink movement. He preferred to stay with white tie and tails, so much so that his children once saucily suggested that his next play should be called Butlers in Space. But he did begin to have the first of many brushes with theatre critics, especially those of a leftish disposition, which continued over the years.

The output remained unabated, with the previous mixture of hits and flops. Among the former was The Secretary Bird, which recovered from an obscure opening in Swanage to provide a juicy part for Kenneth More. It came to the Savoy, was a success in Australia and surfaced in Paris under the title of Canard a l'orange. Lady Boothroyd of the Byepass was written for the Cassons, but eventually ended as Lloyd George Knew My Father, with Ralph Richardson in the lead. Douglas Home was fluent, too fluent his detractors claimed. The Dame of Sark was written in five days, he recalled, just in time to catch the Saturday racing on television, an important hour in the family home as far as its head was concerned.

William Douglas Home was very much part of the commercial theatre establishment but he remained unperformed by the subsidised sector. The nearest he came to it was in 1975 with The Kingfisher, which Ralph Richardson wanted to do at the National Peter Hall was in agreement and Lindsay Anderson was set to direct. But the National suddenly came under attack for putting on too many "lightweight" comedies and then transferring them to the West End. So the project was abandoned and The Kingfisher became another Shaftesbury Avenue play, with Richardson, Celia Johnson and Alan Webb, running for six months at the Lyric.

This and a lesser piece, Rolls Hyphen Royce, were his last successes, with The Kingfisher going to Broadway and Australia (with Google Withers and John McCallum). Douglas Home went on writing during the Eighties but often the plays did not get beyond a regional run. He was openly disappointed that his attempt to have his army cashiering revoked by the Ministry of Defence was unsuccessful a television programme was made about the episode after a collection of the letters he wrote home from the front had been published in 1985 under the title Sins of Commission. In 1991 his third volume of autobiography came out, Old Men Remember. That was to be the final reminiscence of a man who had been an entertainer from his schooldays

He leaves his widow. Rachel (Baroness Dacre), a son and three

DR RICHARD TURNER

APPRECIATIONS

Dr George Crile, Jr

AS A close friend for some 40 years of Dr George Crile, Jr. Barney' Crile as he was known to all and sundry, I must point out that your obituary notice (September 19) began by referring to George Washington Crile. Washington was the middle name of his father, whose illustration you also carried. George Crile, Sr, was one of the founders of the Cleveland Clinic, who died in 1943.

However, I can fully endorse your obituarist's admiration for Barney's magnificent work in promoting the more kindly treatment of breast cancer in the United States. He was, indeed, an outstanding man who shone in many and varied subjects apart from surgery.

He was the first, for examole, to make some stunning underwater natural history movies off the Florida Keys (with his cine carnera enclosed in a windowed bag from an anaesthetic machine). He not only explored and filmed the first eighteenth century sunken wreck there but proved that it was a British man-of-war which had sunk in 1744. By determined research at the Record Office in London he was able to establish that this was the HMS Looe.

In regard to the treatment of breast carcinoma Barney was ever mindful of his indebtedness to the late Sir Geoffrey Keynes, who pioneered conservative surgery for breast carcinoma, at St Bartholo-mew's Hospital in the 1920s and 30s.

With two colleagues, I later studied the Barts' cases of that period: this left us with the firm conviction that survival was not prejudiced by more limited surgery and (as a practising English surgeon not "a Scottish physician", as described by your obituarist!) I abandoned the radical operation in 1952.

It is also vital to mention the radiotherapist, Professor Robent McWhirter, who had worked at Barts in the 1920s

when he came under Keynes's influence. McWhirter later persuaded most of his Edinburgh colleagues to abandon the radical operation. The occasional vilification which pioneers of kindlier breast surgery suffered in this country was as nothing compared with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune subsequently borne by Crile in the

His moral courage and sane defence of his philosophy. in this as in other controversial matters, were quite outstanding. Both he and his father were honorary fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr Crile's two marriages were extraordinarily happy and successful Your notice is correct in reporting that his first wife, Jane Halle Crile. died of breast cancer in 1963.

His second wife, Helga Sandburg Crile (youngest daughter of the poet Carl Sandburg) had her breast cancer treated by local excision in 1974 and survives in rugged health. And, just to give encouragement to other women, pictures of Helga and of her breast X-ray appeared in the November 1974 issue of McCall's, and subsequently in Paris Match and Stem.

Barney's last book, his remarkable autobiography The Way it Was, was published just before his death.

Sir Reginald Murley. president of Royal College of Surgeons of England, 1977-1980



Inge Henderson

INGE Henderson (obituary September 22) was indeed everything your obituarist described, but she was much more. Her work as an Alexander teacher was always likely to provide more than just effective remedial posture, for she was a healer of sometimes magical power. I write as one of many whom she brought

complete and lasting recovery. And she did not just collect people, although the description is a happy one. People collected her. Her magnetic capacity for attracting friendship was astonishing, and she was often prepared to share with others her many secret places, of which her gift to me of the north Norfolk marshes was but one.

How surprised she will have been to have merited an obituary in The Times - but how wonderful that she was.

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Molineaux, variously described as the Black or the Moor, was a freed slave from Virginia, who had met the popular British prizz-fighter. Crib, before and had lost to him in a marathon lasting more than 30 rounds.

BOXING

The battle betwixt the formidable champion Crib and the powerful Molineaux which has been the first and only consideration amongst the sporting world, took place on Saturday at Thissketon Gap in the county of Rulland. A 25 feet stage was erected in a stubble-ground, and before 12 o'clock several thousands of persons had collected. sands of persons had collected, the one-fourth of whom were Nobility and Gentry from the surrounding country. Not a bed could be had within 20 miles of the seat of action on Friday

The Set To. Round 1. Sparring for one minute, when Crib made play. right and left. A rally followed in which three blows were exchanged, when the Black was knocked down by a blow on the throat. The knock-down was not

clean. Round 3. Crib's right eye was nearly closed. After sparring for wind, in which the Black was deficient. Crib put in a dreadful doubler in the body of the Moor. but although he was hit away, he kept his legs and renewed the raily with a fury which excited alarm amongst the Cognoscenti. Crib in the rally hit left and right at the body and head, and the Moor fought at the head alone, and was so successful with the left hand that he planted some desterous flush hits, and Crib

bled profusely and was damaged

no both eyes. 4. Crib's head was much disfigured, and the Black's wind was treacherous. The former bled from every organ, but he smiled, renewed the rally with heroism never excelled, and hits

5. Rallying was renewed by Molineaux, and the execution on both sides was terrific. The Moor had the best of the rally; Crib fell from a blow and received another in falling, which excited murmurs and applause from the partizans; but on reference to the umpires it was decided FAIR, Crib's hands being at liberty.

in abundance were exchanged.

6. Crib put in a destructive right-handed blow at The Black's body, which doubled him up who got away pitifully distressed. He appeared frantic on renewing a rally, and no dancingmaster ever cut capers mo amusing to Crib's friends. He hit short and was abroad. Crib followed him round the stage and did astonishing execution and floored him with a blow at ereat length.

7. Molineaux ran in on a raily intemperately and did some execution, but Crib hit him several blows as violent as can be figured about the neck and ugular, and the Moor fell from hurts and weakness. 8. Molineaux in the foriorn hope

again rallied at ill-judged dis-tance, and after Crib had again nobbed him, he got his head under the left arm, and fibbed until the Moor fell.

The battle may be here considered as terminated. In the next round Crib broke his antagonist's jaw, and at the close of the 11th round, Molineaux being unable to stand, victory was announced in a Scor's reel by Gully and Crib.

Mr. Jas. Greenhalgh, a publican of Bolton, undertook last week to walk twenty miles a day for five successive days, without taking any form of food during the day time. He was allowed to drink any quantity of spirits or ale, and he preferred a mixture of ale and gin. This most extraordinary and apparently destructive undertaking he completed, according to the strictest terms of it, on Wednesday last; and our informant adds that he had tasted no kind of food for two days prior to the undertaking. - Salopian

PAUL GARBER

Paul E. Garber, curator of the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, died in Arlington, Virginia, on September 23 aged 93. He was born in Atlantic City on August 31, 1899.

WASHINGTON'S Air and Space Museum, one of the American capital's major tourist attractions, might never have existed had it not been for Paul Garber's driving passion for collecting aeroplanes and all things connected to manned flight. By 1946, after working for the Smithsonian Institution for 26 years, he had built up such a massive collection that a new building to house it all became a virtual

Garber loved everything that flew. His obsession began at the age of five when an uncle gave him a kite, and he began building and collecting that he and his airplane would began building and collecting model aircraft. In 1909 he saw Orville Wright fly in Virginia, and while still a teenager built and flew a glider with an 18-foot wingspan. He learned to fly powered aircraft while serving

as a sergeant with the United States Army in the first world war but never became a professional pilot. Instead, after working briefly with the ground crew of the Postal Air Mail. Garber joined the staff of the Smithsonian Institute in 1920, and was destined to remain with it for 67 years. At first he worked on repair-

1927 he brought off a major

coup when Charles Lindbergh

flew the Atlantic in the Spirit

of St Louis. "I felt in my bones

ing mechanical artifacts and making models, but soon became an assistant curator. In

be famous," Garber said later. "I decided right then to get

that plane." And he did. The Smithsonian sent a congratulatory telegram that was waiting for Lindbergh on his arrival in Paris, asking him to donate the Spirit of St Louis. Lindbergh went one better: he delivered it personally, and the aircraft, hanging from the ceiling, became the aerospace museum's most popular exhibit. Years later. when Lindbergh asked to see it again, Garber put up a ladder after the museum closed for the night so that the pilot could climb into the cockpit and reminisce.

After serving in the US Navy during the second world war, during which he was put in charge of producing models to help pilots and gunners

identify enemy aircraft, Garber won for the aerospace museum its most treasured possession: the Wright Brothers' biplane that first flew at Kitty Hawk in 1903. His other acquisitions, among thousands, included Admiral Richard Byrd's furred helmet and the B29 bomber Enola

Gay - which dropped the first atomic bomb, on Hiroshima. Although he never earned a degree, in spite of studying at several universities. Garber was the recipient of numerous awards and one honorary doctorate. He was also three-time president of the Early Birds of Aviation, a fraternity of pilots who flew solo before 1916. He continued to work at the Smithsonian as a fulltime historian emeritus until 1987.

Paul Garber is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Dr Richard Wainwright Duke Turner, OBE. cardiologist, died on

ptember I aged 83. He was born on May 19. 1909.

DICK Turner was a pioneer of cardiac surgery in Edinburghand the fully recorded experiences of Turner and Andrew Logan, his principal surgical colleague, were among the most valuable of their time. Turner subsequently became eminent in the fields of the management of high blood pressure and the prevention of coronary artery disease.

A graduate of Cambridge and St Thomas's Hospital, London, he served with distinction as a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the Middle East during the second world war and was appointed OBE.

General Hospital, Edinburgh. and senior lecturer and subsequently reader in the department of medicine, he was responsible for the creation and development of an active and thriving department of cardiology. He also became a resolute campaigner to reduce consumption of dairy products...

producing many a flutter among farmers and some

As consultant physician and

cardiologist to the Western

colleagues. Turner was a keen traveller and held teaching rounds in many countries. He once took an electrocardiograph from a crocodile, which headed for the river dragging his ECG machine behind it, and helped to diagnose a cardiac disorder in a racehorse.

He leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter.

Receptions

The White Ensign Association The Princess Royal attended a reception given last night at St James's Palace by the White Ensign Association. Afterwards the

Royal Navy Presentation Team presented The Royal Navy Today'. Others attending were: Mr and Mrs D alivey, Mr and Mrs M Asheroft. Dr and Mrs L Alkinson, ASSIGNATION OF ARM MIS L AUGISSON.
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Air Jeague

Air League Princess Margaret presented Mr

Founders Medal at a reception given by the Air League last night at the RAF Club. She was received by Dr J.E. Henderson, president of the league, Mr Michael J. Cob-ham, chairman, Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, president of the club, and Air Commodore H.W. Hall, chairman.

Luncheon

Carlton Club Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG. CH. was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Cariton Chub held yesterday at the club. Duncan M.S. Simpson with the

Appointments

The following to be members of the National Council for Educational Technology (NCET): Mrs Sandra Davies, Dr Diana Laurillard, Ms Unaiza Malik, Ms Latha Menon, Mr Kevin Saichwell, Mr John Young

Mr Justice Brooke and Judge Summer to be members of the Main Board of the Judicial Studies

Miss Gayle Hallon (South Eastern Circuit), Mr Gerald Michael Clifton (Northern Circuit) and Mr Simon Pascoe Grenfell (North Eastern Circuit) 10 be circuit

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Top judge attacks new rules on sentencing

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judges continue to sentence on the scale in which they have in the past, prisoners may find themselves serving longer than they would under the old regime.'

To tackle this, Lord Taylor is issuing a practice direction to judges tomorrow, spelling out the effect of the new parole provisions, which bring a closer match between the sentence served and sentence imposed. Judges, who had always been told to ignore the parole and remission aspects of a sentence, would now have to take them into account and "have regard to the time going to be served".

Lord Taylor was concerned. however, about how the public might perceive shorter sen-tences. "I hope the public are not misled," he said. "What I fear might happen is that if judges pass lower sentences now than they did before, the public will say we are going soft. I hope the public will say: now judges are sentencing offenders to something nearer to what they will actually

In his wide-ranging press conference, Lord Taylor went on to reject the call by Lord Williams of Mostyn, the Bar chairman, for some kind of inspectorate or watchdog to take judges to task if they were rude or lazy. Judges were not beyond criticism, Lord Taylor said. But such a body might cause judges to "look over their shoulders" and that could threaten their independence.

There was "plenty of oppor-tunity" for judges to be spoken to by the Lord Chancellor or someone else if their actions warranted it. "I see no particular advantage in pillorying judges in public, it can only diminish confidence in their

He also said that while he supported letting solicitor-advocates into the higher courts. subject to ensuring that they were adequately trained, he oppposed a "state prosecution service" in which crown prosecutors would take cases in the higher courts.

The issue of whether employed lawyers should have wider rights of audience -Mills QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions. is still being considered by a special committee committee set up by the government.

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Actress finds a slice of hell in Somalia

AUDREY Hepburn spoke emotionally yesterday of her visit to the starving in Somalia last week in her role as goodwill ambassador to the United Nations Children's Fund (Kate Alderson writes). The actress described the scenes of dying children in camps as a nightmare, and said she now found it difficult to sleep. "No media report, however excellent, could have prepared me for the unspeakable agony I felt at seeing countless little, fragile, emaciated children," she said. "Most of them don't want to eat or drink any more, they can't. I'll never forget their huge eyes in tiny faces and the terrible silence. When a child can't hear you or see you — it makes you feel so desperate." It was, said Ms Hepburn, a "slice of hell" and she appealed for international help to help the country survive.



Praying for help: the actress pauses in describing the horrors of famine yesterday

Major scours Europe's capitals for a deal on ERM

Continued from page 1 Euro-sceptics continued, with Conservative European Reform Group, commenting: "The Germans are getting too big for their jack-boots. Britain's partners are trying to discipline Britain for its 'bad

conduct' over the sterling crisis

ment was unacceptable. "We are not talking about that Germany, we are talking about the Germany that is a lynchpin of the free world," he said, dismissing "cat calls and rude names" from Lord Tebbit and Sir Teddy. He

would be affected by the power of the mark and the guilder whether in or out of the ERM.

cellor to spell out his new monetary policy would be October 29, when he is due to The confusion in government economic policy also deliver his traditional Mansion House speech to the City. Promises of tighter govern-ment spending plans and showed no sign of abating. Officials admitted that there would be no detailed state-

humiliate us as well." John praised Germany's post-war ment on the government's fiscal policies, which Norman Gummer, the agriculture min- economic achievements, new economic policies for at Lamont has conceded could pointing out that Britain least another month. The ear- be used as the anti-inflationary counterpart to lower interliest opportunity for the Chanest rates, would have to wait even longer. The Chancellor would be unlikely to say anything about fiscal plans until his autumn statement.

Lamont focus, pages 6 & 7

Conference sketch

Just brill ... know what I mean, John

Yesterday at Blackpool was John's day — John Prescott's, that is. The other John was a damp squib, but Prescott, who spoke before him, went like a rocket and was rewarded with the first standing ovation the Winter Gardens had heard all week. The conference loved the

speech but, more important, they loved the man. At subsequent meetings throughout the day, Prescott encountered standing ovations whenever he entered a room: he did not even need to speak. Indeed it is a moot point

whether Mr Prescott does 'speak" in the sense in which you and I understand the term His long and mostly unrequited love af-fair with the English lan-guage generates more of what Willie Whitelaw once described as "genuine noises based on emotion" than prose. But who cares? They are such magnificent noises! Yesterday's effort. one of his more thoughtful orations, lurched from phrases like "environmental leper of Europe," through "dustbins of the world" to ideas for "powering the indi-vidual" who was concerned "about toxic reasons". "Public provision," concluded Prescott, "can be often far more superior than that produced by markets."

Let pedants quibble: you know what he means, I know what he means, Labour knows what he means, and — mark this — they know he means it. That's why they cheer. This sort of emotional honesty is water in the desert for Labour.

After years of teasing Mr Prescott, I have begun to wonder whether we might be wiser to join his fan club before the rush. It struck me yesterday that we may be looking at the Boris Yeltsin of British politics. John may or may not be a drinking man - I have no idea - and Boris may or may not inflict GBH on the Russian language: but in other respects there is a similarity. Both are bruisers, both

can be crude, and both are nationalists whose charm is inexplicable to foreigners. Both could have taxi drivers eating out of their hands. Like Boris, John has attained the status of a man of whom gaffes are expected and in whom gaffes are loved - because "he speaks his mind". This is an envi-

able status for a politician. Both, too, are simplifiers. There were few ideas in Prescott's speech and no arguments at all. But, like a big cat handler, he knew where his party wanted to be stroked: he knew how the fur lay. He did not say anything rude, or indeed anything at all, about what he calls the common market but everyone knows what he thinks. With Mr Gould's departure the mantle falls silently upon Prescott, and can be worn silently. Per-

haps we underestimate him.
If the other John's speech was anything to go by, his leader needs him badly. Before Mr Smith made it. sketch writers had pencilled in to their columns a draft paragraph pronouncing the Leader's speech a smash hit but remarking that, with the whole Cabinet on their backs, legs in the air, it would be impossible to fail.

t was not. Thanking Mr Smith after his speech, the chairlady said: "John is a brilliant parliamentarian". And that was the problem. It is no good asking a

tennis champion to repro-duce his famous volleys alone, with nobody to bounce them off. A few interruptions, foiled by Mr-Smith's lethally good-hu-moured scorn, would have done wonders for this heap of wet seaweed masquerading as a speech. A thin affair. Perhaps the Liberals' Alan Beith might consider standing in for Smith at Labour conferences, to lend comph. An indifferent text, deliv-

ered with passion - as Neil Kinnock could do - would have worked. An intelligent text, delivered in Smith's measured tones, would have impressed in a different way. But this was an indifferent text delivered without passion - actually just plain lazy. "The underlying beliefs that inspire and guide us ... new and imaginative solutions to our problems ... a time when the hearts and minds of our people have been moved by the suffering in Somalia ... more than anything today Britain needs leadership ... "Aargh! Smith's peroratory cry of our public life in Britain" - prompted a thought which it would be unkind to articulate.

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,037

- 1. Draw off ship on rocks (6) 4. In turn, want to swoon (5.3). 10 Rugby player who appears in pantomime? (9)
- 11 B.B.C. didn't start off free (5). 12 Performer's attire's bizarre (7).
- 13 Painting by Millais, a work he nad trouble circulating (7). 14 Out of the game, I am beat (5). 15 To deceive a gangster takes very
- little time (S) 18 Way of escaping from a difficult situation after game goes the other way (S).
- 20 Drawing good, in the main (5). 23 Related to 13, but relates with difficulty (7).
- 25 Infringing the rules, so to speak. in sport (7)

Solution to Puzzle No 19.028



- 26 Weight put on round middle of 27 Find lady extremely weird (9).
- 28 Janus was not sincere (3-5). 29 European city visited by eastern ascetic (6).
- I Drink has a bite, as drunkard might say (8). 2 Mineral - it's kept in combustible heaps (7).
- 3 Lie in some deliveries upset the
- 5 Be on to a good thing with dirty boots (4.2.4.4).
- 6 Where to find sleeper in express
- 7 Visitor to Land's End finds bunting displayed there (7). 8 Entrap, to put it another way (6).
- 9 A tragic character, much abused he subjected our. . . (4,3,7). 16 . . . attendants to loss of earnings initially, after we headed for the sunset (9).
- 17 Medicinal liquid protects most of you up the spout (8). Round ass up for seasoning (7).
- 21 Please old priest with it he takes a quarter (7).
- 22 Battle involving long and hasty retreat (6). Chinese society dominating a kingdom in the Pacific (5). Concise Crossword, page 9

Life& Times section This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 19 of the 22 competitors, the fusion time being 61: minutes, at the 1992 national final of The Times

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard TWEAT a. A min's hood b. The European shad c. To pinch or tease

SHOOGLY a. Trembling, w b. A left-arm bowler's googly

c. Crumbling, friable PROLEPSIS a. An older sister

c. Theft PARREL TRUCK

a. A miner's barrow Answers on page 14

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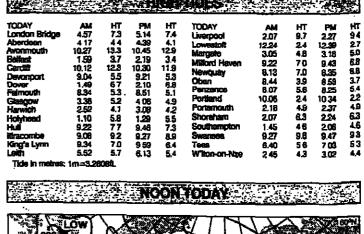
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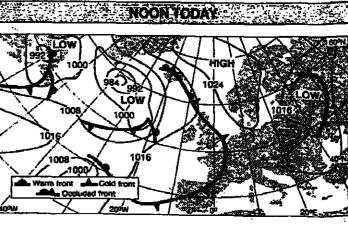
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Der Spiegel suggests the Bonn-Paris axis may have forged a secret deal to hasten the

PLANE TALK

United Airlines has tabled tough terms in BA's proposed investment in USAir Page 18

FLAT NOTE



Richard Holland, of Boosey & Hawkes, reports a rise in interim profits but fears exist about prospects

COAL CARTEL

Regional electricity companies are negotiating the current round of coal contracts as a cartel, with government backing Page 19

PROPERTY



A 16-page supplement today assesses the state of the commercial property market and considers the prospects Pound rises more than five cents against the dollar BY ANATOLE KALETSKY

STERLING rose sharply yesterday against the dollar, recouping more than half its losses against the American currency since the devaluation of September 16. By midafternoon in New York, the pound had risen to \$1.7830, more than five cents above its London close of \$1.73 on Monday and only

ECONOMICS EDITOR

8 cents below its level on September 15.

The pound also stabilised against the mark comfortably above the DM2.50 level that is beginning to be viewed by some investors as an informal government floor. The Bank of England said that the

exchange-rate would continue to play a role in government policy, despite Britain's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism two weeks ago. But the Bank's reference to sterling, which came in a speech delivered by Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor, was one of the least bold statements made about currencies by an official spokesman in recent years.

The stock market, which continued to fall

yesterday morning amid the growing signs of disarray in the government, bounced back sharply in the afternoon, as the strength of the pound encouraged new hopes of a cut in interest rates next week.
Some analysts saw the Governor's speech

as an indication that Treasury and Bank officials were trying to restrain the government from further sharp cuts in interest rates. The Chancellor and prime minister are coming under strong pressure from political and some business leaders to cut base rates by another point in the run-up to next week's Conservative party conference. However, the strength of the pound on the foreign exchanges in the past two days, especially against the dollar, suggested that a further rate cut could well be possible without contradicting the public line taken by Mr Leigh-Pemberton yesterday.

The Governor simply said that Britain could "not afford to ignore the exchange

rate" if the government's counter-inflationary goals were to be achieved. Even though Britain no longer had an obligation to defend any particular currency level, ex-change rates had "a profound effect on our economic fortunes," he added.

The main factor driving the currency markets was the continuing fall in of the dollar, which tumbled against the mark and the yen. The dollar selling, which began in the Far East and drove the American currency as low as DM 1.42 at one point. was attributed to three factors. Tensions have subsided in the ERM, diminishing the safe haven attractions of the dollar and yen and driving investors back into the high-

vielding European currencies, including the pound and lira, and the mark and franc-The growing perception that Bill Clinton is likely to beat George Bush in the presidential election has pushed long-term capital out of America. And the continuing weakness of the American economy has encouraged expectations that the Federal Reserve Board will cut interest rates again, probably on Friday when the unemployment figures are due to be announced.

However, some analysts warned that the speed of the dollar's fall could deter the Fed from easing policy any further.

Perot's future, page 4

Business failures increase by 40%

Further 4,000 job cuts add to industry gloom

By Patricia Tehan and Colin Narbrough

BRITISH industry faces another gloomy week with the news that more than 4,000 jobs are to be axed coinciding with a survey showing a 40 per cent rise in business failures this year.

Sears, the stores group, and the government's Defence Research Agency joined North-ern Telecom, Pirelli Cables and Independent Television News in revealing plans to cut jobs. The news adds to last week's woes when more than 6,000 cuts were announced.

The biggest cut came from the government, whose DRA plans to cut more than 2,000 jobs in a rationalisation programme. The DRA will withdraw from a third of its 54

Another 1,800 jobs are under threat at British Shoe Corporation, which is to close 350 high street shoe shops, operating under the Dolcis. Saxone and Freeman Hardy & Willis banners, over the next three years.

However, Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman of Sears, the BSC parent company, said the jobs figure represented "a worst case scenario," which would apply "only if we were to shut all these shops tomorrow".

About a third of the workforce employed by BSC is part-time, working only on Saturdays. The company also pointed out that the average length of service in its shoe shops was between 6 and 18 months. Many staff would therefore go through natural wastage. BSC operates more than 1,200 shops, as well as almost 600 concessions. It

employs about 12,000. Northern Telecom said 400 jobs will go from factories in Northern Ireland, South Wales and Essex. The company, which makes telecommunication transmission equipment, said 320 production and support staff will go from the factory in Monkstown near Belfast by the end of the year.

Northern Telecom's plant at Cwmcarn, South Wales, will lose 30 jobs and another 46 will go with the closure of its plant in Basildon, Essex. Pirelli Cables plans to axe

almost 300 jobs by the end of the year, most of them through the closure of its copper cable factory at Bishopstoke, Hampshire. It said the work will be moved to its factory in Newport, South Wales. Another 50 jobs will go

ITN is to shed 112 technical support and administrative iobs under strict cost-cutting measures imposed to meet a reduced budget for News At Ten and other ITV news bulletins, but ITV wants to squeeze about £10 million out

of ITN's current £60 milliona-year budget. ITN said yesterday it plans to ask for volunteers, but cannot rule out compulsory redundancies.

Meanwhile business failures totalled 46,000 in the first nine months of this year. an increase of almost 40 per cent compared with the same period last year, according to Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group.

The sharpest rises in failures this year has been in the Southeast, where bankruptcies are up 54.7 per cent. Small firms across Britain were the main source of insolvencies, being up 58 per cent in the first nine months.

☐ The latest government figures show that savings as a percentage of disposable in-come dropped to 10.3 per cent in the second quarter from 11 per cent in the first. The first quarter was, however, lifted by political and economic uncertainty in the run-up to the general election. The drop in the second quarter brings the ratio back to where it was in the last half of 1991.

revealed that banks and building societies continued to make large gilt purchases in the second quarter, buying two thirds of the £1.2 billion total of net sales.



New broom: Liam Strong, chief executive, is making £32.2 million provisions in the first half to restructure the group

Sears to close down 350 shoe shops

By MICHAEL TATE, CITY EDITOR

SEARS, whose Dolcis, Saxone and Freeman Hardy & Willis chains sell one in every five pairs of shoes in Britain, will shut 350 of its 1,200 shoe shops over the next three

The shops, said by Liam Strong, the new chief execuabout 1,800 staff, but Mr Strong did not expect wholesale redundancies. About a third are part-time workers. and, given the normal high turnover, many more will go through natural wastage in the next three years. Sears,

which also owns the Adams, Olympus, Miss Selfridge and Wallis chains, as well as the flagship Selfridges store in the West End of London, is providing £32.2 million for restructuring costs against its interim results. The charge wipes out the entire operating and leaves the group with a

£8.8 million pre-tax loss. The board has sliced 35 per cent off its interim dividend and promised a similar cut in the final, as Mr Strong, who last week reported the sale the Fosters menswear business to its management at a cost of £80 million, sets about reviving the slumbering high street retailer's fortunes. It means that the price of Sears' failure to take advan-

tage of its prime position in footwear retailing and its disastrous venture into mensshareholders. The interim dividend is cut from 1.525p a share to 1p, and "a like reduction" is intended in the final, said Geoffrey Maitland Smith, the chairman, This would indicate a total for the

year of 3.5p a share, against

5.35p last year. "We have concluded it is no longer prudent to maintain a dividend uncovered by after-tax profits from trading", he added. Sears had maintained its dividend in the previous two years, despite slim earnings cover in 1990-1 and a lack of

The move was greeted with relief in the City, where investors have been aware of the group's shortcomings for some time, and are pleased to see action being taken.

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THE POUND

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Survival of MMI remains in balance

By Jonathan Prynn, insurance correspondent

THE survival of Municipal Mutual Insurance (MMI), Britain's leading insurer of local authorities, remained in the balance, as hopes for a European rescue of the group turned away from Paris to-wards Belgium and Germany.

MMI, which has suffered huge losses in the past two years and needs an injection of funds to survive, continued to insist that its talks with La Garantie Mutuelle des Fonctionnaires (GMF), the French group, remained alive. Brian Wright, the chief executive of MMI, is due to fly out to Paris today or tomorrow for talks with GMF executives.

However, GMF, which agreed in principle to the rescue of MMI in July, is now

insisting that it is not interested in the deal. The French company said MMI had "no deal with GMF," adding that an official comment would be made this week.
GMF's withdrawal would not necessarily sound the death knell for MMI as the French company is only one of nine companies in the Eurosafe group specialising in in-

surance for civil servants.

Eurosafe has no member in the UK and a takeover of the personal lines operations of MMI represents a chance to break into the British market. However, it is unlikely that Eurosafe would want to take on the loss-making public liability operations of MMI, leaving nine out of ten of Bri-tain's local authorities without cover. A meeting between local authority associations and MMI was cancelled when MMI said it could not partici-

pare "because of the delicate

nature of negotiations that MMI are having with GMF".

C&G cuts standard mortgage rate by 1% BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

CHELTENHAM & Gloucester Building Society is cutting 1 per cent off its standard mortgage rate, but it is delay-ing implementation until De-

cember for existing customers. The rate will be 9.75 per cent (APR 10.3 per cent) for existing borrowers and 8.75 per cent for the first year for new borrowers taking loans under 80 per cent of a property's value. Other societies have cut to base rates of 9.99 and 9.95 per cent (APR 10.5 per

cent) from November 1. The reduction applies to new loans immediately. It cuts £43.75 a month from the payments on a £60,000 interest-only mortgage.

The society increased its standard mortgage rate by 0.24 per cent in July when National Savings was making strong inroads into the traditional customer base of societies. The government backed down and cut the interest rate on the First Option Bond and the higher mortgage rate lasted for only one week. Most of C&G's borrowers

are on its annual review system that is calculated in December and implemented The Nationwide Building

Society is cutting savers' rates by up to 1.2 per cent from tomorrow while it is trimming its mortgage rate by only 0.75 per cent from November 1. The lowest tier of the 90-day notice, CapitalBuilder ac-

count, is cut from 7.7 per cent gross to 6.5 per cent gross. This is a net reduction of 0.9 per cent and a net rate of 4.88 per cent on sums up to £5,000. The lowest rate on its current account will be 3.5 per cent gross — 2.63 per cent after basic rate tax is deducted.

Fiat to lose its longtime driver

THE godfather of Italian industry, Gianni Agnelli, is to bow out from from the chair-manship of Fiat, the car company controlled by the Agnelli family, in 1994.

The news of his departure comes at a time of profound political and economic upheavals in Italy and amid troublesome times for Fiat. the country's largest privatesector company. More important, his exit coincides with the end of a postwar consensus on politics, the economy and on industry, a consensus of which Signor Agnelli has

been an integral and promi-Signor Agnelli relayed the news of his departure in an answer to an innocent ques-



Agnelli: built empire tion during a shareholders' meeting at UFI, one of the

Aenelli family's principal

that, being 71 now, he could

not stand for reappointment in 1994 since under the

lding companies. He said

statutes of the company, nobody can stand for election to the presidency if he reaches the 75-age limit within the mandate, which normally runs for three years. More to the point, he said: "A quarter of a century as president, more than half a century as a member of the board, is too long rather than too short."

Giovanni Agnelli was born in 1921, the grandson of Giovanni Agnelli senior, the founder of Fiat. After the war, the young Giovanni, who had earlier graduated in law from the University of Turin, was appointed vice chairman. But during this period he did not make his lasting reputation as businessman, but as a playboy who fived live to the fullest. With the end of La Dolce Vita, for him as well as

managing director in 1963 and chairman in 1966. Since becoming chairman, Signor Agnelli built up the Fiat empire into today's industrial conglomerate. Ap-pointed Senator for Life of the

Italian Republic in 1981, he has been one of Italy's most influential figures, a man who is said to have had the ear of any Italian prime minister, whoever that happened to be at the time. Italian coalition governments may have come and gone, but the presence of Signor Agnelli was one most constant factors in Italian politics.

The next Agnelli in the long line will be Umberto, the younger brother of the grand old man, and the vice-chairman of Fiat.

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Kobe Steel makes its debut in London

By PATRICIA TEHAN

KOBE Steel, Japan's fifthbiggest steel group, is listing on the London stock market today, with trading in its shares likely to start tomorrow.

According to company advisers. Kobe feels that as it is working in a global business it needs the attention of global financial markets. It will also establish an unlisted American Depository Receipt facility in the US tomorrow.

At present, only 2.78 per cent of its shares are held by foreign institutions and individuals. Almost 52 per cent are held by Japanese institutions. Japanese firms and securities companies hold more than 22 per cent, with a similar proportion held by Japanese individuals.

In the year to end-March 1992, the group's net sales dipped from Y1.455.433 billion to Y1.455.407 billion (£6.9 billion). Operating income fell from Y132.467 billion to Y128.9 billion and net. income rose from Y26.4 bil-lion to Y27.256 billion (£129.6 million).

Kobe was incorporated in 1911 and is organised into three main businesses: fron and steel, aluminium and copper, and machinery. Recession in Japan and America has hit demand for its products. -particularly in-the carand construction industries.

Earlier this month, it forecast a 12.2 per cent slide in sales to Y580 billion for the first six months to end-September and a 80.6 per cent slump in net income to Y4 billion. It gave a warning that the severe economic conditions that had damaged results in the first half were likely to continue in the second half.

Kobe shares were trading at Y319 in Tokyo on September 22, giving the company a market capitalisation of Y904.5 billion.

Kobe employs about 100 people in UK on research and development. In America. it has two joint ventures in steel products with USX Corporation It also has a joint venture in Japan with Aluminium Company of America.

United's demand for air rights threatens BA deal

By HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

STEPHEN Wolf, United Airlines chairman, has stepped up the battle over British Airways' proposed investment in USAir by laying down a series of demands for his airline to operate from Britain.

He told John MacGregor. the transport secretary, that he would only back the planned \$750 million deal if United were allowed to open up services to Birmingham and Manchester, and be given rights to fly on to other countries.

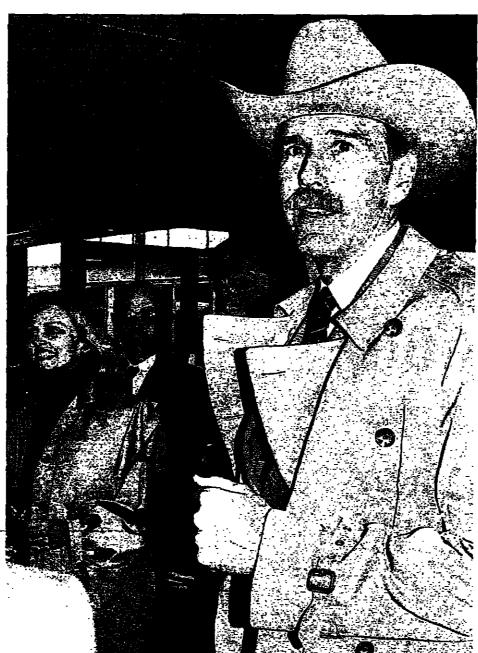
His demands were, however. pre-empted by BA, which announced that it would be taking up rights that already existed to operate between the two airports from next spring.

The newly formed British Airways Regional will operate long-range twin-engined Boeing 767 aircraft on the North Atlantic routes. The announcement, BA said, was purely coincidental and had nothing to do with Mr Wolf's

demands.
"No issue is more important in aviation than this" Mr Wolf said vesterday before his meefing with Mr MacGregor. "If we don't get a fair deal from the British authorities, we would, in the strongest of terms and in a manner not yet seen, urge our government not to approve the deal....

"This is not a matter for negotiation. American carriers must be given a chance to match the tremendous opportunities now potentially open to British Airways and we will do everything we can to open up fair competition across the Atlantic. The new announcement from BA underscores the clear discriminatory manner of the agreement between our two countries."

Mr Wolf said that he would still be still seeking rights to fly directly into Birmingham and Manchester and any other British airports that the airline felt could benefit from a direct service. He would also demand that Britain sign a written agreement to press other European countries to introduce a completely free and liberal air service regime



Not a matter for negotiation: Stephen Wolf, United chairman, will urge US to veto deal

and grant United and other American carriers the right to pick up passengers and fly them to cities beyond Britain. He said: "Even if we get all

we want ... British Airways would still be the clear winner because they would be able to go ahead in the meantime and set up an integrated network using the USAir routes within the United States. Britain can

at least now give us the right to fly where we want beyond London or any other city and leave it up to us to negotiate with the countries at the other

He added: "Although I applaud British Airways' initiative in putting together the USAir deal, it is illegal under American law and cannot possibly go ahead without

some form of reciprocal agreement from Britain." Mr MacGregor has made it plain that he is prepared to go some way towards meeting

United's demands and it was expected that in talks to be held on the bilateral air services agreement, due next week, he would offer to let United fly from Birmingham to Chicago or Washington.

Action to cut debt at Sears, Roebuck

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

SEARS, Roebuck, which claims to be the world's largest retailer, yesterday announced that it will raise \$3 billion in a restructuring plan designed to cut debt and lift its performance.

The troubled 1,731-store and financial services chain will float its stockbroking and insurance businesses on Wall Street and sell its estate agen-

ties next year.
It has cut 48,000 jobs and cut costs by \$1 billion over the past two years.

But its long-term debt is \$20

billion and net income this year is estimated to be below that of 1990 and more than \$400 million down on last year at about \$862.5 million. Sears has been under in-

creasing pressure from its institutional shareholders to change and is targeted for further attacks next year. Hurricane Andrew will cost it \$700 million and it has had to pay \$8 million in legal

actions after the California

Consumer Affairs Department accused it of systematically overcharging for car repairs. Over the past five years, profits have plunged at Allstate. Profits have also been volatile to flat in retailing and

have barely moved in property.
Only its stockbroker, Dean Witter Reynolds, has grown dramatically.

The company shunned the large merger deals of the late eighties in favour of individual investors.

Sears will sell 20 per cent of Dean Witter to the public and distribute the remaining 80 per cent tax free to existing shareholders. It will also float 20 per cent

of Allstate and keep the remainder. It hopes to sell Coldwell

Banker, the estate agent, towards the end of next year. Leading American investors welcomed the move, adding almost \$1.3 billion to the company's Wall Street value as the shares climbed \$3.87 to

PROSPIESS ROUNTER

Sherwood's earnings growth comes to halt

EARNINGS growth at Sherwood Group, the lace and underwear maker, came to a halt in the first-half of the year after a period of rapid growth. Earnings per share for the six months to end-June were 5.3p, unchanged on the same period in 1991. Over the previous five years, earnings had grown at an annual compound rate of 29 per cent.

Pre-tax profits were up 25 per cent at £8.2 million, but were earned on an enlarged capital base following strare issues to firiance acquisitions. Turnover rose by a fifth to £66 million and the interim dividend is up 15 per cent to 0.9p. David Parker, the chairman, said the profit performance reflected the group's commitment to "rigorous cost controls" during the recession. He said he remained confident that the group would continue to perform well during the rest of 1992.

Cost cutting aids Watts

WATTS Blake Bearne, the international producer of clay for the ceramics industry, benefited from acquisitions and cost reductions in the six months to end June, and pre-tax profits rose from £3.5 million to £3.74 million on a turnover of £34.1 million £31.4 million). The interim dividend is held at 2.7p a share. The group's main markets remained depressed in the first half. Borrowings have been clipped from £10.3 million to £10.1 million, but gradual expansion is still planned. Business in Britain and Germany suffered modest declines. but United Clays in America turned in an improved performance, and the new Portuguese business made a useful contribution to interim profits.

GEC Alsthom deal

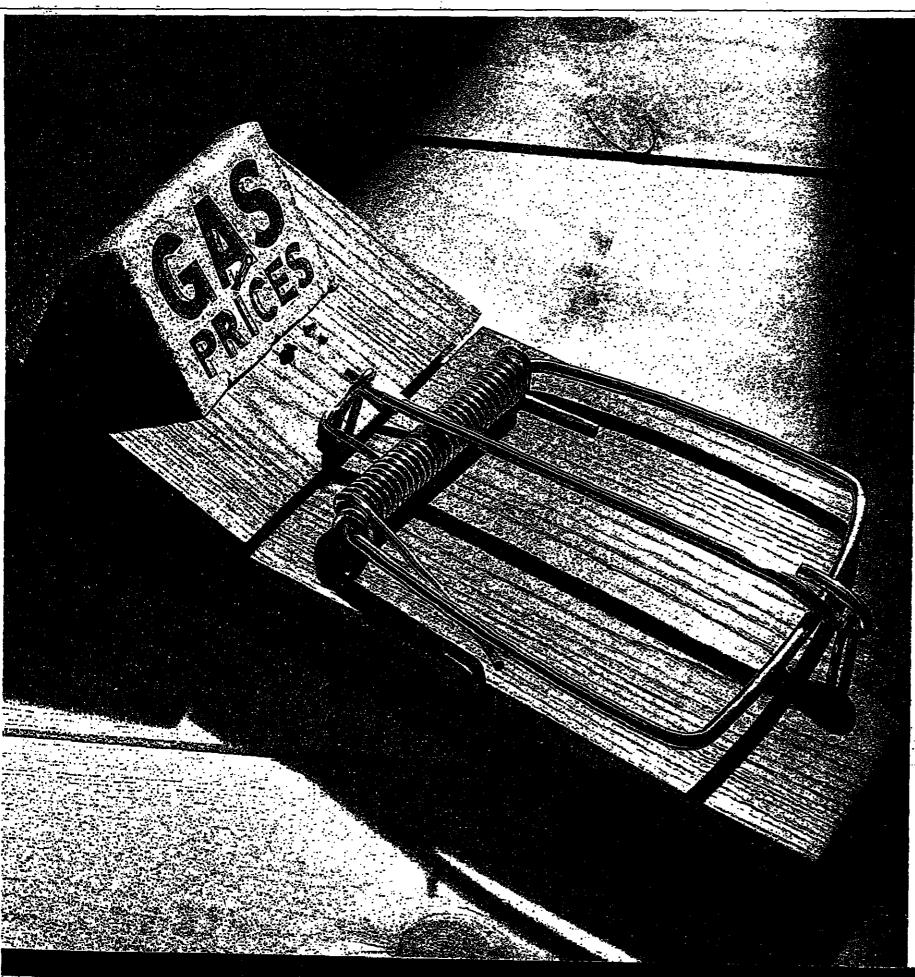
GEC Alsthom, a joint venture linking GEC and France's Alcatel Alsthorn, said its European Gas Turbines (EGT) subsidiary and Dresser-Rand of America have agreed to develop and distribute gas turtime-driven compressor units for the oil and gas industry worldwide. EGT's industrial products division and Dresser-Rand's turbo products division will jointly develop the most fuel-efficient and cost-effective industrial gas turbine compressor packages available. Details will be finalised by the end of the year. Dresser-Rand is a joint venture of Dresser Industries and Ingersoll-Rand.

Prestwick declines

PRESTWICK Holdings, the printed circuit board maker, has held its total dividend for the third successive year after pre-tax profits slipped from £109,000 to £91,000 in the year to end-July. Trading profits rose from £173,000 to £546,000, but a higher interest charge of £455,000 (£64,000) resulted in an overall decline. Borrowings have risen after the acquisition of four companies at a cost of £704,000. Turnover rose 20 per cent to £30.4 million. Earnings per share were an unchanged 0.5p. A final dividend of 0.5p (0.5p) pegs the payout at 1.5p.

Richards pegs payout

RICHARDS Group, the steel support systems supplier, reported pre-tax profits of £256,000 (£505,000) in the six months to June 30. Turnover fell to £5.5 million £6.7 million). Earnings per share were 2.29p (4.48p). The interim dividend is held at 1.65p. The group is attempting to reduce its dependence on the UK construction sector.



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CINCULTING THE 12 regional electricity of England and negotiating companies of England and Wales have begun negotiating the current round of coal contracts as a cartel.

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They are believed to have government backing for their decision and have sought approval from the Office of Fair Trading. A representative of the 12 companies, with a legal adviser, flies to Brussels this week to inform EC compe-

believed to have given is approval to the move in the hope that it will get the talks moving again, clearing the way for the privatisation of the privatisat

Objections from the regional companies have held up the signing of a series of contracts between British Coal and the igenerators. The generators are unable to sign until they are sure they will be able to sell on the coal-fired power to regional supply companies.

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Pound 'boost for oil'

the output of Britain's North Sea fields, economists said. A firmer dollar, in which oil is traded internationally, dramatically improved the value of output. Motorists are already paying more for their as a result of sterling's plunge in the currency crisis. Prices could rise further when demand for oil increases in the winter months at a time when many of the main producing countries are reach-

ing their output limits: Royal Bank of Scotland economists. in their monthly North Sea report, predicted a "sharp improvement" for the in-In August, output rose by 2.6 per cent to just under 1.9 million barrels a day, but this was more than offset by a 3 per

cent fall in prices to just under \$20 a barrel and a 1.2 per cent weakening of the dollar-sterling exchange rate. However, following Britain's exit from the European exchange-rate mechanism, the reverse looks like happening — a stronger dollar, with higher prices. At the current average ex-change rate of about \$1.75,

the value of August's output would be boosted by £2.5 million a day to £21.7 million. The bank said: "Although September's figures for the value of production will show some of the effects of the decline in sterling's value, the full impact will not be seen until October's figures are

Losses double at BB&EA

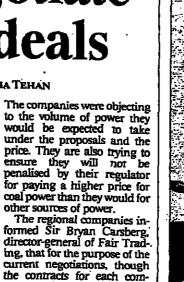
British Building and Engineering Appliances' pre-tax losses more than doubled, from E575,000 to E1.2 million in the 15 months to June 30. There is no final dividend (0.5p), leaving nil (0.5p). But the group is said to be on course for recovery.

Chief named

Caledonian Newspaper Publishing, which owns George Outram, the publisher of The Herald and the Glasgow Evening Times, has appointed Ian Macpherson as non-executive chairman from October 9.

Global slips

Global Group's interim pretax profits fell 31 per cent to £658,000. Profits in the second half are unlikely to exceed the first. The interim dividend has been held at 0.2p.



lands, are leading talks with the generators, reporting to the chairmen and chief execu-

tives of six firms acting on behalf of all 12. The supply manager for one company confirmed they are negotiating as a group. He said: "We do not want to come out of this process with contracts that are less favourable than the others are able to obtain. We all want the same sort of value."

pany would be separate, they

Heads of power supply from four companies, headed by Jim Keohane of East Mid-

are negotiating as a group.

☐ The Gas Consumers' Council said yesterday it has evidence that very large gas users have seen no benefit so far from attempts to reduce British Gas's share of the industrial gas market. lan Powe, Gas Council di-

rector, told a conference in Brussels that British companies are now paying a lot more than their European rivals. Mr Powe said that in The Netherlands, which, like Britain, has indigenous gas, companies pay 30 per cent less. Although France and Germany import most of their gas, prices are 20 per cent and

RAY MacSharry, the contro-

versial commissioner for agri-

culture at the European Com-

mission in Brussels, is to

become a director of Jefferson

Smurfit Group, the Irish paper and packaging group.

Mr MacSharry, best

known, but not always ad-

mired, for his efforts at reform-

ing the common agricultural

policy, will take up his ap-

pointment early next year -

after he has retired both from

MacSharry to join

board at Smurfit

By MATTHEW BOND



Sour note: Richard Holland, chief executive, reported that the expected growth in Japan had failed to materialise

Boosey & Hawkes shares fall 95p over profit fears

SHARES Hawkes, the instrument maker and music publisher. dropped 95p to 865p on fears of a fall in full-year profits.

The group, which reported first-half profits up 10 per cent to £1.44 million in the six months to end-June, has lost £200,000 over foreign exchange movements. Further setbacks are possible in the second half, particularly in Japan which, with the rest of the Far East, accounts for 20 per cent of sales. Richard Holland, chief ex-

ecutive, said expected growth in Japan had failed to materialise. "We had anticipated growth in Japan, but there was no growth at all in the first half. Japan has been late

"For the group, we had very good results in the first half in relation to the conditions we were experiencing. The currency thing is a hit, but long-term prospects re-

Sharp movements in the

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sterling's exit from the ERM will have an adverse effect on imports from factories in France and Germany Any advantage from the pound's devaluation will not feed through until next year.

The music publishing division has seen a slower rate of growth this year and the trend is expected to continue for some time. A deal to administer Granada Telerights worldwide could pave

the way for more growth.

The instrument division has been affected by the recession in the UK and tougher conditions in European markets. Turnover rose to £26.5 million (£24.5 mil-lion). Earnings per share were 18.6p (16.5p). The interim dividend is 6p (5.5p).

Kleinwort Benson and James Capel are thinking of revising full-year forecasts. They had been predicting pre-tax profits of 64.4 million for the profits of 64.4 million for the year against £4 mil-tion in 1991.

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GPA warns of a significant reduction in trading profits

By OUR CITY STAFF

GPA Group, the Irish Repub-lic aircraft leasing company that this month deferred a \$5 billion order with Boeing, has given a warning of a "signifi-cant" reduction in trading profit for the three months to

Tony Ryan, chairman and founder, told shareholders at the annual meeting in Shannon that it was probable that certain provisions and charges, primarily of a nonrecurring nature, would be made in the financial year to March 1993. They will include an esti-

mated \$20 million in costs Comment, page 21 si billion flotation of GPA

the European Commission

Michael Smurfit, chairman.

said Mr MacSharry would

bring with him "significant

experience of developments in

Brussels" and particular

knowledge of planned legisla-

tion affecting environmental

and recycling matters. Also

joining the Smurfit board next year is Martin Rafferty, the Irish businessman who is

currently chairman of United

Drug, Readymix, Ulster In-

vestment Bank and the Indus-

trial Development Authority.

The board appointments

were announced as Smurfit

announced interim pre-tax profits for the half year to end-

July had fallen almost 20 per

cent to Ix£60.3 million (£62

million). An interim dividend

of 1r1.2306p (1r1.101p) is being paid and the company

has said that in the absence of

will pay a full dividend of Ir3.74p (lr3.537p).

and from active politics.

shares that was aborted in June, due to lack of investor

Dr Ryan said: "Such provisions and charges, some of which may be charged to second-quarter earnings, will not be material in relation to the value of GPA's assets, although they may be in the context of annual earnings." GPA made net profits of \$268 million last year.

The group has agreed in principle with Boeing to defer delivery of up to 154 aircraft worth \$5 billion for up to three

GPA's leasing business is recovering well from the im-pact of the Gulf war, and 40 new leases were signed this month. However, the group continues to be affected by economic uncertainty, a temporary over-supply of aircraft, the consequences of the withdrawal of the share offer, and by weak lease rental margins and aircraft sales levels. GPA has launched a \$1.5

billion fundraising programme involving the sale of stakes in aircraft to institutional investors. Plans for the sale of a \$752 million tranche involving 18 aircraft, the socalled Alps 2, will be unveiled

In June, GPA raised \$521

investment package. Mosaic cancels final dividend

By Colin Campbell

mini conglomerate where Greg Hutchings, the chief executive of Tomkins, stepped in as non-executive chairman in July, asked for a temporary suspension of its shares which last traded at 60p.

Mosaic said because of the need to preserve cash, it was reversing its July decision and now will not pay a final dividend of 5.5p a share for the year to end-April.

Mosaic also said it will not be redeeming 2.99 million preference shares that had been due for redemption on September 28, and added that current trading - though profitable - continued to be

difficult. The group's 1992 annual meeting is being held tomorrow, but the resolution to declare a 5.5p dividend "will not be put to shareholders at

unforeseen circumstances it the annual meeting". Mosaic said it was completing negotiations with its bankers concerning the annual review of its bank facilities,

MOSAIC Investments, the and that the group was in the middle of its half-yearly bud-

> It expects the review and the negotiation of its bank facilities will be completed by the end of October. The group had been given

notice on July 29 that a preference shareholder wished to redeem 2.99 million preference shares. But in the light of current

trading, and because of the various reviews yet to be completed, the directors had decided not to redeem the preference shares and had informed the holder accord-

ingly".

Mosiac says it continues to trade profitably, albeit below expectations at the time of the July 27 preliminary profits announcement when it disclosed that 1992 pre-tax profits had fallen from £7.56 million to £4.24 million. A 1992 profits setback had

not been unexpected in view of the group's profit warning

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Brittan to set out terms for Du Pont deal

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

MacSharry: retiring

SIR Leon Brittan, the EC competition commissioner, will set out Brussels' terms today for the swap between ICI and Du Pont of their nylons and acrylics businesses. A source close to Sir Leon said yesterday that details of how much control Du Pont would have over the nylon fibres factories it acquired from ICI would be "much

more complicated" than had

been reported so far. Sir Leon will give a press conference in Brussels to explain the case, one of the most complicated to have come before the competition directorate in months.

The decision will be eagerly awaited in Gloucester, Pontypool, Doncaster and southern Germany, where ICI now employs about 7,000 people in its fibres business. It had been thought that the commis-sion would allow the swap on the condition that Du Pont

rivals, leaving the British plants as one unit. The source said yesterday the final solution was more complicated, but he thought that jobs at the British sites would be safe.

Sir Leon's task force on mergers had been unhappy with the deal, under which ICI would receive £250 million cash from Du Pont as well as its acryclics business, because the American firm would be left with 35 per cent by volume of the EC nylon fibres market lent the German facilities to and 43 per cent by value. mann, Sir Leon's colleague in charge of industry policy, has backed the deal. With industry advisers from

EC governments also leaning in its favour, the competition directorate shied from its initial reactions to the swap, which were to suggest some of the nylon plants might have to be sold. Approval would leave ICI as the world's largest supplier of acrylic and the second-biggest producer in

Motorists pay the price — and more — for new cars

By A CORRESPONDENT

MOTORISTS in Britain and continental Europe pay 40 per cent more for their new cars than drivers in Japan and America, according to a report from Ludvigsen Associates, the automotive analyst.

The survey also revealed that car buyers hate to haggle over the price once they are in the showroom, and that existing British car-buying arrangements, involving discounts, made-ins and special finance deals, make a mockery of manufacturers' list

The study calls instead for the introduction of American-style "sticker

prices", giving each car a non-negotia-ble, take-it-or-leave-it price. The report also says that unless European manufacturers can trim production costs to match Japanese and American rivals, global competition will soon begin to damage home-grown European producers. Ludvigsen estimates European manufacturers are overmanned by about 17 per cent and are overstaffed by about 150,000 people compared with starting levels needed by Japanese manufacturers. The report says pre-tax car prices in

the UK are up to 43 per cent higher than in Japan and as much as 45 per cent higher than in America. Britons pays 35 per cent more than Danes, 20

per cent more than Belgians and 11 per cent more than Germans.

The report calls for an easing of the tax burden on new car buyers. Tax accounts for an average 20 per cent of a new car's price. Ludvigsen also says that consumer watchdogs should look at wholesale prices charged by manufacturers to dealers as well as the retail price charged by dealers to consumers.

Calling for the introduction of the American system of car purchasing, the report says: "We favour the policy of some American dealerships. They post on all cars in the showroom a sticker carrying the manufacturers recom-mended retail price, the discount the dealer is prepared to offer and the net

is non-negotiable, removing the need for the same number of salesmen as are employed in a conventional outlet."

transaction price. The discounted price

David Gent, chairman of the Retail Motor Industry, which represents 7.000 dealers, said such a system would not be welcome. He said that when questioned, motorists advocated such a scheme but when they came to buy, they then wanted a special discount no matter what anyone else paid. A spokesman for the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said motorists preferred to negotiate their own price on a vehicle, though many within the automotive industry would prefer haggling to be phased out.

way and no coincidence given the mass of pension proposals in the year since Maxwell died. But she insists bonfires are not on the agenda, adding

closure means 33 job losses, including those of partners Dairmid Glencairn-Campbell, 48. Greg Morgan, 47, and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight

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Sears looks for a trimmer fit

THE doubts are fast being resolved at Sears. One week after unloading the ill-starred menswear venture, the group has bitten the bullet at British Shoe. Nearly a third of the high street shops will be shut over the next three years, and the rest will be given a new look, a clearer identity and a trimmer cost base.

All the pain, in the shape of a £32.2 million provision, is being taken immediately, which should help settle the nerves of those who were still to be convinced of Liam Strong's credentials for the job as chief executive.

So should the dividend news. Sears' finances are probably strong enough to have supported a case for maintaining the payment again, or at least delaying a decision until the year-end, but in reducing the dividend by 35 per cent the company has given the market a clear signal as to future intentions — a message whose delivery was as important as its content.

What would really make Sears' second half would be news of an accelerated exit from housebuilding. Half the original £109 million portfolio has gone, but given the chance, Mr Strong will be out before the July 1994 deadline.

Management may yet oblige. It is too soon to tell how bright the dawn promised by Sears' new designs, cheaper sourcing and improved presentation will be, but at least the years of darkness are over. The group remains cash positive, with a £75 million debt payback reducing gearing from 16.4 to 11.3 per cent.

Assuming clean pre-tax profits of £100 million for the full year, the shares are selling for maybe 18 times 1992-3 earnings, but the absence of menswear losses, the prospect of improved margins, and falling interest charges, imply a more attractive 1993-4 multi-



Margins under pressure: Michael Smurfit, the chairman of Jefferson Smurfit

ple. Once, a company in this position would have been a ripe candidate for a break-up takeover bid. Sears remains vulnerable to a predator, but with luck will be allowed to show that a few brave decisions will pave the way to recovery. Either way. Sears shares, 80p and rising last night, are well past their low

Jefferson Smurfit

The scale of the international recession never fails to surprise, as yesterday's 11 per cent fall in the value of Jefferson Smurfit shares testifies.

Not that a fall in profits should have been unexpected for a company whose products are paper and packaging. But what is difficult to anticipate

with any accuracy is the precise behaviour of margins. We know they are under pressure. But how much pressure, and how much does that vary from country to country? For a truly international company such as Smurfit, whose chairman is Michael Smurfit, with halfyear sales of Ir£654 million a small shift can have an enormous impact on the bottom line. So it has proved.

While turnover in the six months to end-July rose 7 per cent, operating margins slumped from 11.9 per cent to 9.1 per cent. With interest receivable falling faster than related losses, the result was a near 20 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to IrE60.3 million (£62.74 million).

The particular pressure on margins in America - where operating losses at JSC/CCA continue - and in Europe has

full-year profits could be about Ir£140 million. At 228p, the shares look reasonable value on a price earnings ratio of just

T&S Stores

KEVIN Threlfall, chairman of T&S Stores, the confectioner. tobacconist and newsagents gave up smoking this year. In some way he will have contributed to T&S's lower results for the 27 weeks to June 27.

In a cigarette market weakened by the 1992 budget and fewer shoppers because of the recession, pre-tax profits, clean of property profits, eased from £6.46 million to £6.32 million. But the dividend goes up from 2.25p to 2.4p a share.

At the expense of margins, T&S fought for and held on to market share, and on a likefor-like basis, convenience stores under the Dillons flag more than made up for weaker tobacco operations and softer newsagents' business. T&S still makes money out of its 85 sub-post offices, and the new centralised warehousing arrangements and tougher stock controls have done wonders for costs.

T&S's balance sheet has improved and the group now sits with E5 million of cash, and the benefits of a reduced headcount and greater efficiencies will make their impact in the second half.

An acquisition would help. though there is still scope in difficult markets for further productivity improvements, but it will need a real buck in consumer confidence, which might follow if the recent pattern of lower interest rates holds, before profits make a decided headway. Year-end profits about £12.5 million (£12.9 million, ex property profits) put the shares at 181p. down 5p, on 12.5 times prolikely to come too late for the spective earnings. Hold.

Late rally lifts shares out of the doldrums

A LATE rally helped shares in reverse early losses and end the day in positive territory. An early bout of profit-taking, as short-term prospects of further interest rate cuts began to diminish, and further downgradings, saw the FT-SE 100 index nursing a 28.5point deficit at one stage. But this was more than reversed as a few buyers emerged at lower levels, and by reports that Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, had been an aggressive buyer of the futures in the afternoon.

The FT-SE 400 index dosed up 5.5 at 2,565.5. The narrower FT index of 30 shares rose 3.5 to 1,876.6. Volume reached only 533.8 million shares.

ICI, hit by a profits downgrading from Hoare Govett on Monday, fell 16p to £11.45, after £11.19, for a twoday loss of 79p. Overshad-owed by ICI, Courtaulds lost 10p to 488p.

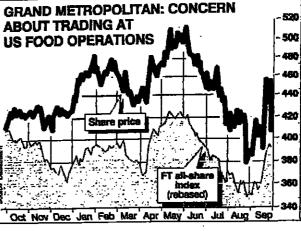
Elsewhere, most drug stocks perked up. Among the gain-ers, Smith Kline Beecham 'A' added 19p to 492p, Wellcome 11p to 420p and Glaxo improved 18p to 764p in response to news that the pharmaceutical group had received approval for Imigran. the migraine treatment, to be used in France.

Grand Metropolitan. downgraded by BZW on Monday, shed another 9 p to 4132p, giving a two-day defi-cit of 352p, as Nikko, the Japanese securities house, trimmed its profit numbers. There was also talk of

switching out of Grand Metropolitan and into Allied-Lyons, up 18p to 613p, and Scottish & Newcastle, 162p stronger at 44 l 2 p. Kwik Save Group lost 12p

to 672p, after a block of 1.5 million shares was crossed as an agency trade at 660p. Dealers and analysts said it appeared the matched deal was done by Cazenove & Co. although the broker declined to comment. Turnover was 3.7 million shares. Sears added to the gloom in

After their upsurge over the last couple of weeks, dollar earners and building and



the retail sector after the Selfridges to footwear retailing group said it can see no end to the recession as it unveiled interim losses and a reduced dividend. Sears' tale of woe followed Monday's reports, said to have come from Geofrey Mulcahy, the Kingfisher chairman, about the possibility of higher retail prices in the wake of sterling's devaluation. Despite the cau-

Hepworth dived 40p to 243p after James Capel cut its forecast for the current year by EIO million to £44 million (after £8 million of exceptional redundancy costs). Capel's downgrading reflects higher than feared redundancy costs and the expectation that the United Kingdom building products division will slip below previous estimates in

difficult trading conditions.

tion, Sears rose 8p to 80p as the market signalled its approval of the group's decision to cut the interim dividend following restructuring moves. Elsewhere Argos lost 3p to 245p, Laura Ashley 2p to 58p, Dixons 5p to 220p, Kingfisher 6p to 509p, Next 2p to 97p, WH Smith 'A' 2p to 447p, Storehouse 5p to 149p and Tie Rack 3p to 46p.

construction issues were left to the mercy of profit-takers.
English China Clays lost 19p to 425p, after 410p, RMC 21p to 413p and Northern Foods 4p to 267p, after 260p. Talk of sell recommendations depressed Lloyds Bank, down 21p to 431p, and Burmah, 10p lower at 645p.

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There was a lot of interest in Asda, up bp at 33bp, with volume swelling to 11 million shares. Enterprise Oil added 14p to 426p as American investors reacted to plans for a listing via a public offering of American Depositary Shares.
The meltdown continued at

Clarke Foods, the ice cream maker that owns Lyons Maid, with the USM-quoted shares down a further 3p to 10p, after 8p. Earlier this month, the company cancelled its interim dividend and entered talks with its banker. The shares traded at a high of 168p this 3.

Boosey & Hawkes lost 95p to 865p after the company's interim statement warned of the risk of a further market setback in the second halfyear, while Jefferson' Smurfit took a knock after a 20 per cent fall in interim earnings and concern that the recession would continue to hit profits in the second half. Shares in Watts Blake Bearne, the ball and china clay producer, advanced 23p to 325p.

PHILIP PANGALOS

US seeks **Gatt ruling** on exports

FROM REUTER

RUFUS Yerxa, the American trade ambassador, said he would request Gatt arbitration to set an amount that the European Community should pay its trade partners to compensate for lost oilseeds

exports.
Mr Yerxa, speaking before a closed meeting of the ruling General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade council, said such an arbitration body should make a "binding decision" in 30 days. "We consider this to be an urgent request. This is a crisis for the Gatt." he said. But Mr Yerxa declined to say whether Washington would take retaliatory, unilateral action if the EC blocked establishment of a panel by Gatt.

America estimates EC subsidies to European farmers cost American and other foreign exporters about \$2 billion annually. Washington has threatened to slap punitive tar-iffs on \$1 billion of EC food and drink imports. In bilateral talks with its trading partners. the EC has offered \$400 million compensation for damage on oilseeds.

Liffe seeks more success in the futures

THE successful London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange (Liffe) celebrates its tenth anniversary today, and hopes are high for continued expan-

Michael Jenkins, chief executive, said: "There's still a large untapped market out there and so over the next ten years I would expect to see much greater use and acceptance of futures."

Analysts believe the continued success of Liffe is essential if London is to maintain its position as European financial capital. A spokesman for the Bank

of England said: "The range of contracts offered by Liffe has made a significant contribution to London as a financial centre." If Liffe is to remain Eu-

rope's largest futures ex-change and the world's third largest behind Chicago, it will need to educate new investors about the benefits of holding futures and op-tions to hedge against risk. As well as devoting resources to education. Liffe

will also have to monitor closely the constantly evolving financial markets and introduce fresh derivative products when needed.

After ten years, London's options exchange prepares to scale even greater heights

rry Tutern tional, said: "It is essential for its future that Liffe remains flexible to what are likely to be rapidly changing

When Liffe opened on September 30, 1982, it offered just two futures contracts, but as demand expanded so products were added to meet client de-



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Allen Futures, cautioned:

"The success of Liffe's con-

tracts is that they appeal to a wide range of people. If they are too sophisticated then there may be a drop in

There are also fears that a

further dramatic rise in the

number of new products may

cause liquidity to dry up in

existing contracts as specula-

tors and hedgers test deriva-

tives to see if they more

Other exchanges have

been set up in Europe in

recent years, and any com-

placency on the part of Liffe would provide rivals with the

opportunity to attract busi-

To date, the rivalry from

other European exchanges

has been welcomed by many

Liffe participants as a posi-tive influence. They say it has

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temporarily left Smurfit look-ing a curious beast, with a somewhat improbable 53 per

cent of operating profits

earned in Latin America.

However, given the conver-

gence between first world and

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of late, that is not as worrying

as it would have been a few

The good news for Smurfit is that with net cash of IrE223

million in the balance sheet, a

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off course, a fact the company

has reminded shareholders of

by increasing the interim divi-

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Stephen Hannah, chief mands. Mr Jenkins said: of futures trading being extended to other areas of business such as insurance and property." However, Tony La Roche, managing director of Cater

speeded up the introduction of new contracts and increased investor awareness throughout Europe.
Mr Jenkins said: "We have

always welcomed new exes in Europe as in has increased the size of the total cake." With rising volatility in

European financial markets in the past few months, the demand for financial futures as a means of hedging risk has grown to the point where Liffe has announced record daily and monthly volumes over the summer. On September 16, when

sterling was suspended from the European exchange-rate mechanism, Liffe traded an estimated 850,000 futures and options contracts, worth about £243 billion. Liffe is hoping it can

attract some of the large European companies who use tailored over-the-counter (OTC) derivatives offered by banks to hedge their expo-sure rather than the more standardised contracts available on futures markets. Mr Jenkins said: "The

bigger companies may find it is more economical to hedge through an exchange rather than OTC in the coming

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New York — Blue chips suffered losses in early trading as investors unwound positions taken late on Monday when the Dow Jones industrial average rallied by about 26 points.
The Dow fell to 3,263.26 —
down 13 points — after slipping to 3,259 at yesterday's opening. Analysts said that weakness in the dollar and bonds, plus declines in European equity markets, put pressure on shares. In addition, investors were hesitant about taking on positions before the September employment report, due on Friday.

Tokyo - Shares continued

falling for a third consecutive Turnover was about 240 mil-Monday).

Blue chips retreat in early trading

day and closed weaker, though above their day's lows. The Nikkei index dropped 224.52 points to 17,748.09. lion shares (209 million on (Reuter)

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GOVERNMENT securities turned in a mixed performance, ending near overnight levels. The shorts were weaker at first, but this was reversed in the afternoon. Shorter-dated securities finished almost all unchanged, with Conversion 10 per cent, 1996 off one tick at £1055/32, while the mediums were a little easier, with Treasury 10 per cent, 2001 down two ticks to £10614/32.

Turnover remained at recently rediscovered depressed levels, with less than 15,000 contracts completed in the gilt future, which ended three ticks lower at £9716/32 after touching £9711/32. Prices at the longer end of

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the market remained under pressure, with continued predictions that sterling's devaluation may lead to higher inflation in the longer-term. Treasury 83 per cent, 2017 slipped back by a further £7/32 to £9428/32.

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Stop Whitehall's power cartel

7 hat Sir Leon Brittan, the EC competition supremo, will make of the news that the regional electricity companies are negotiating power contracts en masse is hard to say. But astonishment is bound to be part of his reaction whatever he makes of the legal position. The government has already come under fire for its handling of the power privatisation. Of all the state sales so far, this has looked like the worst in a series of missed opportunities, bringing in to the privatised structures far less competition than is needed now or in the future. In hot pursuit of yet another ill considered privatisation, this time of the coal industry, the government is now tacitly waiving its requirements that the regional electricity companies (Recs) compete with each other. This waiver appears to have been given as a matter of pure political convenience in order to get talks between the generators and the distribution companies under way again. They have stalled over the price and the quantity of coal-fired power the distributors will be expected to take under the arrangements which the government hopes will be agreed between British Coal and the generators.

In order to acheive what Cecil Parkinson once called the ultimate privatisation, the Government has been hoping to jury rig a deal whereby the generators flatter British Coal profits for a few years by taking more coal than they need at higher prices than they could obtain elsewhere. But first, the generators need to agree the offtake by the Recs. Observers of this setup may see little that resembles a free market negotiating process. This is surely a return to the public sector horse trading which characterised the bad old days in the power industry. It is a suspension of competition which must be subject to the scrutiny and approval of both the Office of Fair Trading and Sir Leon's competition directorate in Brussels. If allowed, the process will damage the consumer by fixing inflated coal price contracts, inflated prices by the generators and inflated prices by the Recs. Wherein lies the public interest?

Trouble triple forte

occo Forte faces a tough day tomorrow when he unveils interim figures for a tough trading year. The markets expect the figures to be apalling. Rivals in a business not especially well known for its comradely support, have been writing off Rocco as an effective chief executive and there have been widespread whispers of a boardroom shakeup to bring in new attitudes and fresh ideas. Forte group shares have been performing like the proverbial lead balloon having lost almost half their value since June. There is little that can be done to pacify Forte's unhappy shareholders in the short run apart from holding the dividend. Even this is by no means certain. So can the dividend be maintained?

- Without binding itself firmly, the company has given the impression that it is willing to tolerate an uncovered payment to shareholders at both the halfway and the final stage. But the failure to sell Gardner Merchant is seen as a loss of useful cash at a time when interest cover is shrinking to uncomfortably low levels. In the past few days there have been market suggestions that a new broom will be brought in with the free hand to cut the dividend, clean out the group's dusty cupboards and set out on a new tack from a low profits base.

That would certainly divert attention from the cruel reality of the numbers. County NatWest expects interim profits to be about £29 million, a fall of 31 per cent while expected earnings per share may be almost 50 per cent down at 1.9p. The recesssion has been tough. But Forte's response or the lack of it has now to be justified.

A Franco-German central bank could put Britain back on track

Colin Narbrough

reports on the

'secret deal' to

fast forward the

pace of European monetary union

he magazine Der Spiegel, unquestionably Germany's most investigative weekly, has an impressive record for setting the news agenda in Bonn each Monday. This week it left no

doubt that issue-of-the-week was a

secret deal on a Franco-German

monetary union, whatever the rest of

the Community decides. The very thought was, of course, officially rubbished in the community essued by Community economic and finance ministers in Brussels on Monday evening. Yet, as the recent weeks of turmoil in the currency markets have demonstrated all too clearly, formal denials concerning monetary policy can quickly

be overtaken by real events. Having witnessed the most outrageous volte-faces over the defence of agreed parities in the exchange-rate system, not least Britain's withdrawal and devaluation of the pound, the foreign exchange markets, as well as the general public, are right to treat offically stated objectives with extreme caution.

What makes the report in Der Spiegel more credible than ministerial assurances is that a fast-track route to economic and monetary union (Emu) fits increasingly well with the markets' view of the true options. Furthermore, Britain's opt-out from the ERM and any European monetary "A team" a fortnight ago, and similar action by Italy, have provided an important opportunity for the Bonn-Paris axis to try to ensure that the immense political capital they have invested in Emu bears fruit sooner rather than later.

According to the magazine, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, and Francois Mitterrand, the French president, agreed at their têted-tête in Paris last week, to go ahead with a common currency, as envisaged in the Maastricht treaty, but without their Community partners, if doubts about a wider monetary union persisted. To be acceptable to the Bundesbank-the currency would have to have all the attributes of the mark, but would be issued separately as national units, but at a 1:1 parity. rather like Scottish pound notes. The contingency plan includes the creation of a Franco-German central bank, to be sited in Frankfurt, home of the Bundesbank, current ringmaster of European monetary policy.

This would provide reassuring continuity for German sceptics about the merits of swapping the familiar safety of the mark for the uncertainties of a common currency system. The trade-off would be that the independent bank, responsible for setting interest rates, would be headed by a Frenchman. The institution would be open to others to join, but could function as a purely Franco-



Ghost of Christmas past: Karl Otto Polil, former Bundesbank president, who is calling for Maastrict to be axed

German body. A working name for a Franco-German common currency. the Franken, is even in circulation.

From our offshore island, it is hard to appreciate the depth of the Franco-German partnership so deliberately fostered since world war two. Herr Kohl, devoutly committed to a unified Germany embedded in a European framework, has put his whole political weight behind progress on Emu. And President Mitterrand, like his predecessors, cannot envisage a European future not built on solid Franco-German foundations.

All this loose talk from our European partners about an Emu of multiple speeds could be dismissed as part of a current exercise, headed by Germany and France, to try to prevent Britain and Denmark from delaying ratification of the Maastricht treaty. But ratification by two countries that have political difficulties with the accord is hardly a real obstacle to Germany and France, and most probably the Benelux countries, from pushing ahead with a mini-Emu while others work out their domestic problems. After all, the provisions of the treaty imply a multispeed system, as economic convergence rules have to be fulfilled as a condition of entry to the final stage.

The most likely explanation for the German and French insistence on completing the ratification process is a desire to have the legal springboard in place from which the "A team" economies could launch out into an

early form of monetary union. This would adhere to the treaty terms, but would be on a voluntary basis. The merit of such a scheme would be speed. The participants would be able to move to Stage 2 of Emu next year, instead of waiting until January 1. 1994, as foreseen in the treaty.

This would allow the mini-Emu group to fast-forward the timetable by moving to Stage 2 as Stage 1, the freeing or capital controls and the integration of financial markets under the single market programme, takes full effect. The transitional European Monetary Institute (EMI) foreseen for Stage 2 also provides an ideal model for any voluntary arrangement. The EMI would plan, monitor and advise participant economies. while leaving the national authorities responsible for executing monetary, currency and fiscal policies.

The key role of the EMI, to be replaced by European central bank in Stage 3, is to oversee the transitional phase and enhance co-ordination between national institutions.

uring Stage 2, countries that do not afford their central bankers independence, will be obliged to initiate the appropriate legislation to allow their central banks to become as independent of national governments as other Community insti-tutions. While the British government is in the mood at present to grant the Bank of England its freedom, the Banque de France, could quickly be given its head if the Franco-German plan is activated. Importantly, at a time when domestic concerns about sovereignty still need assuaging, an EMI-style arrangement would offer retained national control, albeit against a background of ever-closer alignment of policy.

It has long been the case that the

Bundesbank has set monetary policy for most of western Europe, even in countries outside the confines of the ERM. For France, and other countries, which have, fo the time being. withstood the market gyrations that forced Britain to quit the parity grid, the determined support of the Bundesbank and the Bonn government have been decisive. But the exercise was costly. Not only has France virtually exhausted its currency reserves, but the massive support of the Bundesbank has given an unwelcome boost to Germany's disturbing money supply growth.

Ironically, it was plans for monetary union that contributed towards the deregulation of the capital markets and encouraged globally operating investors and speculators to test the fault lines of the ERM. Tension was ever latent. The Danish No vote to Maastricht in June, and wafer-thin Yes majority in France this month, simply focused the currency market attention. The transatlantic policy rift, in no way narrowed by the latest G7 deliberations, leaves a yawning interest rate gap between Germany

pressures in the ERM.

Against this background, both Germany and France have a clear interest in ensuring that their central banks do not have to do bloody battle with the currency markets again. The call from Nicholas Brady, the Amencan treasury secretary, for a serious analysis of world capital flows apply highlighted the concern among cen-tral bankers that the daily \$1,000 billion of currency transactions allows the market to overwhelm the authorities' defences with relative ease. If intervention no longer works, alternatives must be found. The currency market calm of the past few days

could soon give way to turbulence. Word that the French and the Germans are thinking of closing monetary ranks in glorious apartness prompted cries from the "hard-core" Benefux governments, the Irish and the Danes about wanting to stay in the van of monetary integration. It has long been assumed that the Benelux currencies, clamped even closer to the mark than their official 2.25 per cent fluctuation bands require, would take part in any fast move to Emu. Denmark, was a natural candidate too, until its referendum.

Rather like the ghost of Christmas past. Karl Otto Pöhl, former presi-dent of the Bundsbank, has reappeared on the monetary scene to add a timely pennyworth. After his fulure to persuade Herr Kohl of the dangers (now so evident) of German monetary union. Herr Pöhl is bent on preventing Maastricht from wreaking further damage on monetary policy in Europe. He wants the treaty dropped and replaced by a more limited agreement on a new European central bank, to go ahead without the complications of political

ould it be that Herr Pohl has inspired the latest thinking on a Franco-German push? He, too, wants membership of the European central bank limited at first to France and Germany. The Benelux countries and Denmark could then sign up. followed by anybody else capable of subordinating themselves to the

German central bankers have never liked the idea of a drawn-out transition period between German monetary order and its European successor. An immediate jump to the replacement system was always seen as essential. With market forces starting to call the shots, a fast-track route to monetary union is winning friends in Germany

For all the ignomy of reversing out of the ERM, and having to abandon his "heart of Europe" policy, John Major must be full of gratitude to the market forces that delivered the shake-out of the ERM, that politicians were long unable to achieve. At his meeting in Paris today with M Minerrand, he should also give his blessing to the idea of a Franco-German central bank. That, after all, would give him the time he might need to rediscover British economic policy and put the country back on track, without having to act as a road block to European monetary union.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Short time looms at Lumsden

LESS than a month after City broker Walker Crips put its staff on a four-day week rather than make them redundant - another broker may follow suit. Manchester's Henry Cooke Lumsden, with offices in London. Leeds and Llandudno, which employs 200 people, has given a warning that unless trading improves, up to half of them could, from December 1, be working a four-and-a-half day week with a 10 per cent pay cut. "It's a reflection of the economy and the recession," says David Adams, chief executive. "We have discussed it with our staff and they would rather have jobs, with a shorter week than no jobs. Stockbroking is a volatile business and we would rather keep good people than let them go and then try to get them back when things improve."

Maxwell Day

GUY Fawkes Day on November 5 may have the longer pedigree but November 4 could also see some effigies burning this year. That was the last day Robert Maxwell was seen in public in 1991 and the Institute of Directors. for one, is marking the anniversary with a conference dedicated to, wait for it, company pension schemes. Andrea Leary, an IoD spokeswoman, says the timing is "good pub-licity" and no coincidence given the mass of pension proposals in the year since Maxwell died. But she insists bonfires are not on the agenda, adding



"Things are serious the receivers have called in the receivers."

that the IoD's view is that the government "should not go overboard" on new pensions legislation. Puns like that can give an institute a bad name.

GC pulls the plug JULIAN Knight's close-knit team at Gilbert Eliott, the broker, was yesterday pondering its future after its parent company, Austrian bank Giro-Credit — the old Girozentrale - announced its withdrawal from UK securities. GC bought the broker in 1985 but reveals it has lost £10 million in two years. "We had hoped for a management buyout but the numbers don't add up." says Knight, 47, and with the firm for 21 years. "We are a low-cost firm, we don't pay ourselves huge salaries, but we can't make money and we couldn't promise GC when the turnaround would be." The closure means 33 job losses. including those of partners Dairmid Glencairn-Campbell, 48, Greg Morgan, 47. and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight

says the pay-off has "not been as generous as we'd hoped" all four are looking for jobs. "There are school fees to think about and, at 47. I'm far too young to retire," says Knight, who has two daughters at Wycombe Abbey, and a son at Ludgrove, the Berkshire prep school attended by Princes William and Harry.

Women on top

WITH Stella Rimington head of MI5, it seems that no intelligence post is now safe from the threat of female infiltration. The industry's latest recruit is Shane Russell, 37, who has just joined Kroll, the investigative consultant. Kroll is best known for its due diligence work on takeovers — it was hired by Argyll during the Distillers/Guinness battle but Russell will specialise instead in product tampering cases. Petite and blonde, and a law lecturer at Nottingham Polytechnic, she does not fit the image of investigative sleath. She will nevertheless find herself working alongside two other senior women at Kroll - Helen Kidder, once a Los Angeles police lieutenant. who handles crisis response, and Amy Lashinsky, an associate managing director who set up the firm's research department. Patrick Grayson, ex-Irish Guards, and Kroll's London managing director. thinks sexism against women is now being reversed. "If it's sexist to say it's a pleasure to work with attractive and intelligent women, then I'm an ar-

CAROL LEONARD

dent sexist," he says.

BUSINESS LETTERS.

Parcelforce aims to help small firms

From Mr Malcolm Kitchener Sir. Graham Jobson (Business Letters, 16 September) cites problèms Parcelforce's Cash on Delivery service for parcels as an example of how large concerns make life difficult for the small businessman.

Parcelforce does not have a monopoly on COD — or any other aspect of a parcels delivery service - as Mr Johson alleges. COD is simply one example of how we seek to meet the needs of smaller businesses by providing a facility that most of our competitors do not offer.

Having said that, it is true that there have been operating problems with COD this year. Mr Johson will be pleased to learn that we are updating our systems and plan to introduce new equipment and procedures later this year that will shorten the waiting time for payments.

On a more constructive note, as you reported in Briefings on 18 September, Parcelforce is currenty opening its range of guaranteed services, previously available only on contract, to occasional users, and particularly to the small

business sector. Far from seeking to make life difficult we aim to be at the forefront in pioneering new services for this vital part of the business community.

Yours faithfully, MALCOLM KITCHENER Managing Director, Parcelforce. Headquarters, Solaris Court. Davy Avenue, Milton Keynes.

Broker-owners should help pay names' losses

From Mr Alan Smallbone Sir, Mr Mellersh (Business Letters, September 24) complains that all requests for help to ruined names are, in practice, demands for other names to find the money.

In fact there is a very obvious alternative source: the big Lloyd's broking companies and the incorporated. often publicly quoted, underwriting agencies.

The Cromer report of 1969 pointed out that Lloyd's was peculiarly ill-adapted to the underwriting of catastrophe risks — the very classes which are at the root of the current crisis - unless certain urgent reforms were undertaken.

Since these involved the bringing of Lloyd's names' tax meatment more into line with that of incorporated competitors. Cromer roundly declared that Parliament and government shared responsibility

with Lloyd's. The Lloyd's Act of 1982, however, failed entirely to grapple with this obvious need.

Because proper reserves could only be made from profits, and because anything which reduced the bases on which agencies, many of them broker-owned, took profit commissions, no attempt was made to implement Lord Cromer's reforms in this area.

Now names are suffering from inadequacies of legislation, inadequacies designed to favour the owners, notably broker-owners, of underwriting agencies.

That is why they have a

moral obligation to pay pound for pound with the £500 million levy demanded from names.

Yours faithfully, ALAN SMALLBONE, 30 Temple Fortune Lane, NWII.

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Harvey Elliott introduces a special report on Britain's new standard-setting air-traffic control centre

Policing the congested skies

sion, it seems, nothing will stop people flying. The skies over Britain have never been as busy as they are now, after a 7 per cent increase from last year in the number of flights handled by the 1,500 airtraffic controllers who guide the aircraft along "motorways" more than five miles high, and through the complex network of approach routes to airports.

On nine days during June and July alone, the men and women sitting before their glowing, round green radar screens handled more th. 1,200 movements per day - a figure which would have been unthinkable only a few years ago.

Luckily, the sharp increase in the number of flights was predicted many years ago, as the Civil Aviation Authority realised that to cope with the future demand being placed on its air-traffic controllers, a completely new control centre had to be built, equipped with the very latest radars and communications to enable them to keep pace.

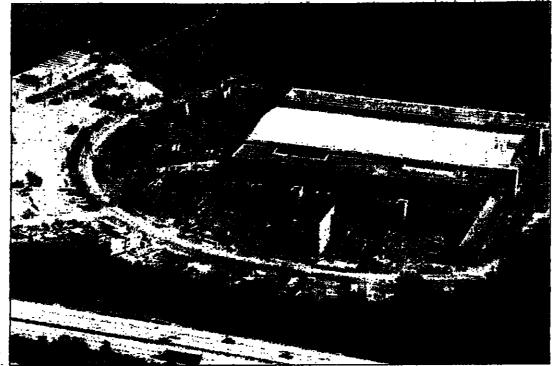
After a long and detailed search for a suitable site, the authority settled on a disused brickworks at Swanwick near Fareham, Hampshire. That centre, one of the largest and most modern in the world, will be officially "topped out" by transport secretary John MacGregor today, and by 1996, this will be the working home of 800 controllers.

in place of the old round, green radar displays will be an entirely new design: flat, rectangular and displaying many colours, to give constant information about hundreds of aircraft as they cross the skies over Britain.

Once it is fully operational, the old air-traffic control centre at West Drayton will be freed to look after the aircraft landing and taking off from Heathrow, Gatwick, Stansted and other airports in the Southeast. The new centre is also expected to become the standard by which adjoining air-traffic control centres are judged. When it opens, attention will switch back to the rest of Europe, where, for the most part,

far less is being done. The project began in 1986, when a working party within the newly established directorate of planning analysis identified the need for such a centre by the mid 1990s. A year later, a specialist planning team was set up, with orders to press





a controller to control traffic

flowing through his sector in one direction only. This simplification

of the controller's task, combined

with the reduction in manage-

ment and liaison time, is expect-

ed to produce an increase in

capacity of at least a 30 per cent.

The new technology - which is

far more user-friendly - will also

give contollers far more informa-

tion about a particular aircraft

without any need to look away

CCF, a much safer form of con-

trol even than today's "fail-safe"

system, will remain at West

Drayton, in a new controlled

airspace operations room. The

aircraft it handles - about half

the total - will be handed over to

the new En Route Centre as they

climb high into the airways.

from the radar screen.

Keeping track: by 1996, 800 air-traffic controllers, using the latest monitoring equipment, will be based at the En Route Centre, right, near Fareham, Hampshire

West Drayton finds a new role in central control

mong the most important jobs of the new En Route Centre, when it is fully operational, will be linking up with adjoining sectors of airspace and, most important, liaising closely with the Central Control Function now being developed at West Drayton.

CCF is a key part of CAA's £750 million investment programme, and is based on a "tunnels in the sky" concept to be created as specific one-way arrival or departure routes at each of London's airports. Stage one of the new system involved moving the controllers who manage flights arriving or departing from the London terminal area into a completely new operations room. This was completed in February last year, and provides modern vertical

away from West Drayton.

In September 1988, the national

air-traffic service produced an oper-

ational plan to show how it intend-

ed to cope with the increased air

radar workstations equipped with the latest technology to present information to the controllers.

In a later stage of the programme, to be completed next year, the approach control radars at Gatwick. Heathrow and

Stansted will also be transferred to the new operations room, and the whole system will be fully operational by December 1995.

Put simply, CCF means that aircraft currently controlled from various sites will be guided from a single room at West Drayton. This will replace the current system, under which flights arriving over

By early 1989, its became appar-

ent that it was no longer possible to

alone. It had to be fully integrated

London are guided along the airways by West Drayton, until they reach the designated holding point for the destination airport. where they are handed on to airport approach control for the final part of their flights.

Bringing the

controllers together in a Air-traffic capacity single operashould increase tions room will streamline the perhaps by a third procedures for managing trai-

> the groups of controllers will be working side by side and therefore able to liaise far more closely Under CCF, the airspace will be

organised into specified and separate "tunnels in the sky" to allow

control well into the next century er was needed, and Dr John for even the most optimistic of Barrett, former engineering director of Thorn EMI, was recruited to aircraft growth projections. By the autumn of 1989, the planbe in overall charge. ning of the new centre had reached

Then the search for a site began

transport secretary Cecil Parkinson gave formal approval for an initial \$200 million investment, 70 sites were being considered. Gradually these were whittled down to a shortlist, negotiations with local authorities went on daily, and in September 1990, agreement was finally reached with Fareham Borough Council to purchase the site.

ontrollers of air traffic are noted for their caution, and the prospect of moving hundreds from their old home at West Drayton concerned the authority enough to conduct a survey among the staff to see how they would react. Nine out of ten agreed about the real need for the new En Route Centre, and eight out of ten believed it should be

sited away from West Drayton. The strongest preference was for a site in the South West, with a location near Bournemouth being the favourite - perhaps because that is where many controllers were trained. Top of the list of priorities for the staff was the wish for pleasant surroundings, with good transport not far behind. Fareham seems to meet these all criteria, and it should ensure that staff morale is

Reminders of life in the 1990s

SOME time after the year 2032, when the new En Route Centre has run its allotted lifespan, the area will be buildozed and excavated, ready for a new building to go up The developers of the future will

discover a concrete cap in the

foundations, covering a deep hole. at the bottom of which there is a time capsule containing memorabilia of life in Britain in the 1990s. The capsule was put there by pupils from form 8 BB of Brooklield School, near the Southampton site. On the side is a brass plaque, which reads: "This capsule was entombed on 25 October 1991. The plaque was manufactured by students of Bishop's Stortford College in Essex, and the contents were compiled by pupils of Brook-field School, Sarisbury Green, Southampton.

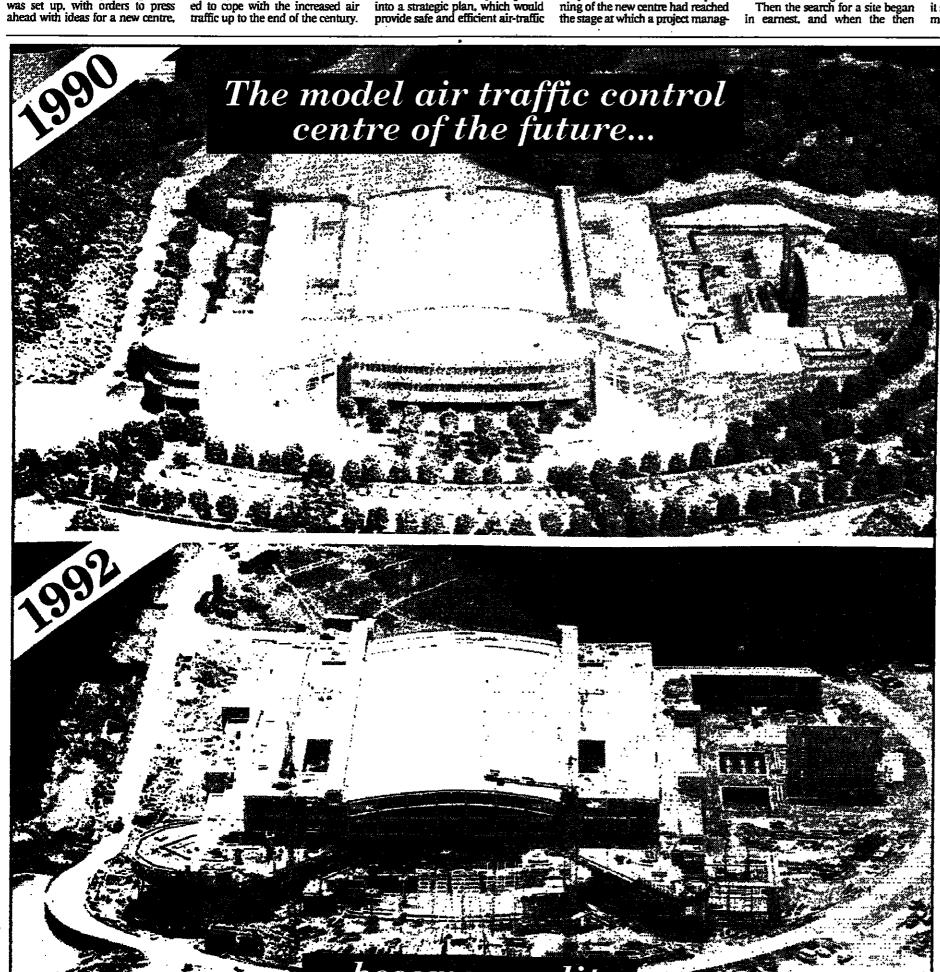
Even though they will be well into their fifties — and possibly much older — by the time the capsule is resurrected, and even though the official tree-planting and foundation-stone ceremony took place in the middle of their half-term holidays, most of the children from form 8BB were on hand as the dignatories marked the formal start of work on the £200 million first phase of the scheme.

Time capsule will wait for 40 years to be discovered

The time capsule was delivered to the school ten days before the ceremony, and the children spent a good many hours in the classroom deciding what to bury with the cansule that would epitomise their

In the end they decided to include a copy of the local newspaper, a current affairs video, a cassette of top ten hits, a Brookfield School tie: figures of cartoon characters, photographs, postage stamps and a copy of the CAA's house magazine.

The foundation stone, which was laid by Christopher Chataway, the CAA chairman, is made of Portland stone and is in the shape of a radar screen. As Mr Chataway said: "The laying of the foundation stone over the time capsule foreshadows a period of intense build-ing activity."



The Rt Hon. John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Transport, will today 'top out' the CAA's new air traffic control centre building at Fareham, Hants,

Two years ago this model air traffic control centre was just that, an architect's model of the real thing. Today the building is ready to receive its operational equipment. When it becomes operational in 1996 the £350 million-plus centre will manage the main flows of air traffic over England and Wales, leading to an increase in airspace capacity of 40 per cent.

The Centre is a major element in the CAA's £750 million Investing for Growth programme to provide the air traffic control equipment, facilities and procedures to meet forecast growth well into the next century.

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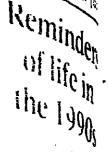
The first phase of a new system for handling air traffic over South East England has already been introduced. When it's fully operational in 1995, this will increase capacity by at least 30 per cent.

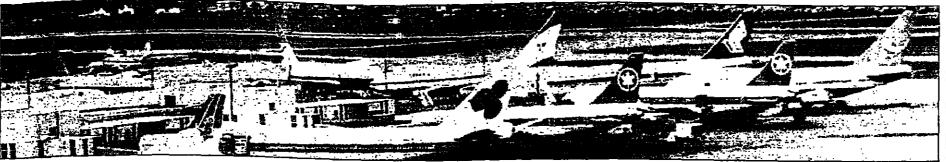
We're also working with our European colleagues to harmonise and integrate systems across Europe in an effort to produce 'seamless' air traffic control for the whole continent.

This will provide a better service than ever for air travellers.



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Safety first, second and third

Stringent design criteria and a series of rigorous tests will ensure that flight control at the En Route Centre is never interrupted

everal British companies are going to be terribly disappointed later this year when the CAA announces who has won the contract to supply the electronic and radar equipment for the En Route Centre.

In November 1991 the authority awarded contracts to two consortia for an early phase, and soon it will make a final decision on which has won. The consortia are led by IBM and Thomson-CSF respectively. The IBM consortium includes SD Scicon. Logica and Siemens Plessey Radar (the UK subsidiary of Siemens AG).

The Thomson-CSF consortium includes British Aerospace/Sema, Data Sciences Limited and the Martin Marietta Corporation of the United States. Both consortia, therefore, have a substantial British content.

CAA managing director Tom Murphy says: "Both consortia have substantial recent experience in mafor air-traffic control centres. They will produce two competing air-traffic control solutions, from which we will choose one to undertake development and production for the implementation phase."

The current phase is a chance for the authority to discover what modern equipment the marketplace can offer, but senior staff have insisted that because of the tight timescale, they cannot afford high risk procurement at the frontiers of technology.

Bovis Construction was appointed management contractor for the construction of the building in February last year, and is responsible for managing the construction of the 41,000 square metre building, together with building services. In past projects, the CAA has

the specification, purchased a system and then carried out the integration. For the new centre, it decided to hire advisers from indus-



Project director Dr John Barrett (left) meets Lord Caithness at the new site, which should ease crowding at Heathrow, top

try. Cossor Electronics was, therefore, appointed management support contractor, and it provides about half the project team's staff of more than 80.

The team operates in half a dozen separate fields including systems engineering, project management systems, the Cossor input and the airtraffic control team.

Project director John Barrett firmly believes that ultimate success will depend on the skills of the management team. "I am a great believer in a flat team structure. Fewer layers of management means communications up and down the line are greatly improved," he said. "It also helps to ensure that messages do not get distorted. The structure is democratic and the boss is not a remote figure. It also removes status consciousness.

There are several specific problems to be dealt with. Water must not be introduced into operational areas. Because of the sensitivity of the equipment, measures have been taken to avoid water entering from above and below the building or being introduced into the area by the services. The roof will be doubleskinned. All of the building is above ground level, and the design ensures that flooding cannot occur in the

Although fire sprinklers are being installed throughout the building, those in the operational area will only be charged with water if a fire is confirmed. Similarly, electricity supplies to operational equipment are supported by uninterruptable power supplies, which can supply half an hour of power in the event of loss of both the outside electricity supply and the standby.

No single fault must be allowed to cause more than one system to fail. Great care has been taken to design out all such potential failures. Furthermore, services must be able to sustain a maintenace fault or two simultaneous failures.

ecause safety is highly criti-cal, the consequences of a major deficiency or failure must be minimised at all costs. It was decided that the best way to minimise this risk was by a comprehensive programme of prototyping, development, simulation and evaluation. The first stages of such a programme have been running since 1989 and will continue until 1996.

First a mathematical model of the proposed airspace sectors and procedures was carried out with Eurocontrol at Bretigny in France. A real-time simulation programme began at the air-traffic control evalua-

tion unit in Bournemouth last winter. Perhaps the most important element of all the tests is the manmachine interface and the ergonomics. In the final phase of planning, everything will be simulated and the gains in airspace capacity will be predicted by computer modelling. Tests will also be conducted to optimise relations with adjoining controllers, civilian and military.

Operational controllers are already working in workstation trials, and more will be involved once the

Designed to last 40 years

Por its new control centre, functioning 24 hours a day 365 days a year, the CAA had to produce a building with services and associated external works to last at least 40 years. Three extensive relits will be carried out during its lifetime.

Working with the CAA on the building phase of the project are the multidisciplinary Building Design Partnership (BDP), quantity surveyor Mank Dunstone Associates and management contractor Bovis Construction.

In the "fast-track" project. the work is

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"The lessons learnt from the new En Route Centre

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will have a profound effect on the way the CAA carries out its future projects," says Mick Carter, the CAA's chief works services engineer. The entire centre is 41,000 square metres, at the

focus of which are the operations room and the equipment room. With an area of 200 square metres, the operations room is more than twice the size of the one at the present London control centre. Because of height restriction imposed, mechanical and electrical service areas are beneath the

Unlike traditional operations rooms of air-traffic control teams, this one will have controlled daylight. coming in through internal

courtyards, giving views of the outside world. Wrapped around three sides of the rooms are the plantrooms, support accommodation and non-operational accommodation, including the restaurant, recreation and lecture halls, offices and the library. A

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significant the interior street". which not only creates visual links with the surrounding

countryside. but also bonds the commun ities of operational and nonoperation staff, encouraging "a sense of place and belonging". BDP says.

The BDP design concentrates on produc-ing a functional building that fits in with its

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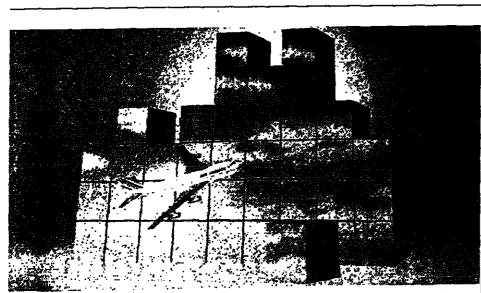
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Birds dictate start date

arrangement is better for wild-life and visitors. Already drag-

onflies, insects, birds and several kinds of fish are back

in abundance, and many

more are expected.

esting birds, not the planning team, dic-tated the start of work at the new En Route Centre. Fareham council gave the CAA planning permission for its air-traffic control centre on 118 acres of Hampshire countryside on condition that the environment had first priority.

The project team had to clear trees and scrub before the missed this ecological window, the project would have been delayed for several months to enable the birds to rear their offspring," says John Barrett, the project director.

Equipment came in on a special access road so that other environmental damage was avoided, the trees were removed and the birds found other, more secure, homes.

Another problem was pre sented by a badger family. The council insisted on the creation of a 30-acre nature reserve adjacent to the site, gaps were made in the fence and an underground tunnel was dug under the access road to enable the badgers to use their usual routes to forage for food.

Diana Smith, the reserve's educational warden, who tempted the badgers with supplies of peanuts, says: "To our amazement, the badgers con-

The planners of the project had to give priority to nature

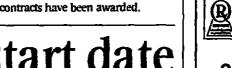
tinued to trot along the same routes when the trees had been felled, even after the landscape had been flattened and scent trails had been removed. They were determined to stay.'

Anything of educational value was rescued from the contractors, including a slice of a large oak tree, a woodpeckers' nest and a starlings' nest in a woodpecker hole. A museum is being created from several listed buildings on an adjacent site south of the M27, to recall how and why bricks were made from local clay for decades.

Fossil ovsters were found. 45 million years old. still looking like their modern equivalents, with worm tubes

A lake, dug in 1948 for day extraction, had been stocked with fish but had no shallows for spawning and was of limited value to wildlife because birds had nothing to feed on and nowhere to nest. Now the water has been pumped out, exposing a vast amount of debris, including a workman's hut and an unexploded mortar bomb.

Spoil from excavations was used for the floor of the deep hole in which the water had gathered. From this was produced a shallow lake of varying depth, with an island and gently sloping margins. The

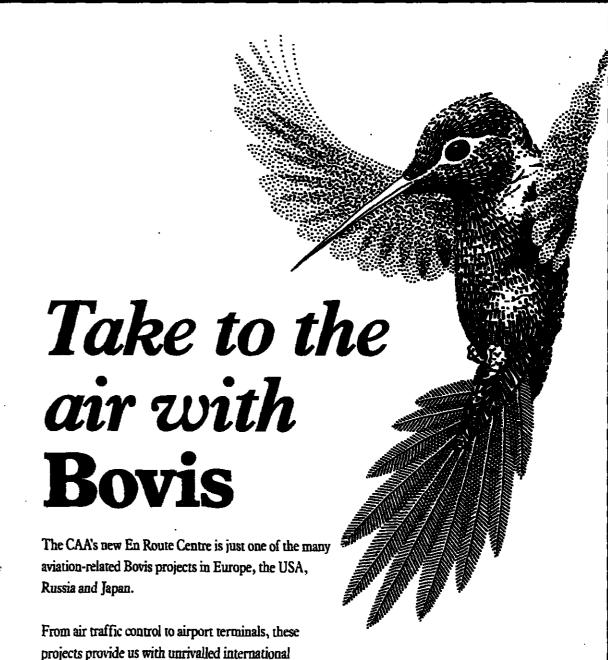


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Watching whales cavort off Newfoundland provides an enriching experience, Brian Clarke reports

Having a whale of a feeding time

IT WAS a classic, head-and-tail rise. First the dark shoulders broke the surface; then the dorsal fin came, briefly silhouetted against the radiant reflections; and then the tail, holding for a moment before sliding down out of sight. There was the characteristic turbulence in the water.

I made no move to reach for a rod, though I can claim no self-restraint. Indeed, had I had ten rods in the boat. I would not have cast. The seas off Newfoundland are no place to start an argument with a whale and the north of Baffin Island would be a chill place to finish it, even in

Watching that whale - and others - move and feed a couple of weeks ago was a thrilling, even life-enhancing experience for all aboard the little craft. For the anglers among us, there was a special fascination as we watched the an unimaginable scale, the kind of behaviour a trout displays when moving and feeding near the surface.

To link the behaviour of whales with the behaviour of trout may seem a bizarre thing to do, even for an angler. Yet it is only the scale of events that is truly different.

Time after time, it was possible for the anglers on board to see, before the nonanglers, fast-moving minke whales head-and-tailing through the surface at a distance. The fleeting dark appatterns their movements made in the low waves, attracted the eye in just the same way as the head-and-tailing trout feeding on a lake. The size of the creatures matched the vastness of the sea, and from a distance the overall impression was much the same.

While crossing open sea in which no whales had been sighted, it proved possible several times to spot where whales had surfaced earlier because of the large patches of calm water they had left behind. In diving down, they had produced huge, up-welling convections of current that had risen and flattened out the waves.

This flattened area of water — the "footprint" — that a trout offers to observant an-flukes that even when many

Rippling effect: displaying the beginning of a classic head-and-tail rise, a whale goes in search of nourishment off Baffin Island

glers when it is feeding below the surface, on ascending

some nymphs move quickly or awkwardly. the trout have to move quickly to grab them. As the fish move, so they displace water, and the faster they move the more violently the water is

Where violent movement occurs near the surface, the result will often be an upwelling of water that will flatten out the ripple directly overhead. And the appearance of the resulting round, stunned area of water in the middle of an otherwise consistent ripple, is where an experienced angler will cast his fly. when the beginner has noticed nothing.

Using the same principles, it was possible, in favourable conditions, to follow the progress of some whales when were below the surface. the same kind of due that a Such was the power of their feet down, each beat sent turbulence welling upwards to the surface. A line of such turbulence showed the route the whale was taking.

In trout fishing, the passage of a fish below the surface can sometimes also be tracked because of the tiny movement of the water's surface that the swimming fish makes: a movement that can distort otherwise clean

reflections or create winks of light in areas of dark water, or winks of darkness in patches signs of a whale

feeding on fish would be familiar to anyone who has seen big trout savaging fry, or watched a pike terrorising a

Before the trout or pike betrayed by an agitation before diving down to pick up is such hints and winks and among the prey and some an easy meal. By watching the suggestions of fish, that the small fish will leap clean into gulls in Newfoundland, we stalking angler looks for.

the air, in panic. When the big fish do attack, all gaping jaws and flaring gills, the water often erupts as the intended prey hurl themselves everywhere in desperation.

in an area where whales are feeding, even when none can be seen, the next likely place for a lunge will sometimes be indicated by fish leaping from the sea in just the same way.

To link the behaviour of whales with the behaviour of trout may seem a

The gulls off Newfoundland took the parallel even further. Both trout and whales, in the violence of their feeding, stun and cripple small fish that they do not eat. And then the birds

loaded season which they

share with four other first

division sides. Should Sheffield Eagles

beat Chorley they will visit Warrington, where they sur-

prisingly won 12-10 in the

league earlier this month.

Castleford will not relish the

trip to Oldham, the unbeaten

Jonathan Davies, who has a

wrist injury, and Tony Myler,

with a damaged shoulder, are doubtful for Widnes's Lanca-

shire Cup quarter-final at St Helens tonight. Steve

McCurrie takes over at hooker

from Paul Hulme, who has a

second division leaders.

bizarre thing to do, even for an angler move in, circling and gliding,

could often gain some clue to the whereabouts of distant

There were even parallels for the angler who hunts by sight and stalks individual trout in clear waters. Any experienced stalker knows that the last thing he should expect to see is the clear outline of a fish. What he recognises first is something that appears incon-

eign in the area looking. There may be a suggestion of

sepia in an area of darkness that on scrutiny takes on the shape of a fish's tail. There may be a pulse of light as the sun catches the side of a turning fish, or even a pinprick of white when a trout opens its mouth to suck in a nymph. It

whales albeit, again, on a different scale. Many times we found we could see humpback whales below us or near us, when our non-fishing companions could see nothing.

In the north Atlantic, the huge flippers of the humpback whale are white. In the clear, dean, plankton-laden sea these flippers glow with a phosphorescent light, often revealing the position of a whale long before or after it has surfaced. Even in a low wave, we found that, provided the sun was up, a whale could be located because of the intermittent, faint semaphore

sent out by its fins. There was, it is obvious, no magic in any of this: it was simply a case of knowing the kinds of clues that swimming fish offer - and then of recognising them when produced by the whales. It was absorbing for experienced anglers: it would have been an education for beginners.

RACING

Fillies only evens to supplement fine Arc record

By MICHAEL SEELY

LADBROKES were yesterday prepared to offer only even noney against a filly winning Sunday's Ciga Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp.

Fillies have been out-standingly successful in the world's most demanding Flat race. In the past 20 years, since San San won in 1973, seven others have galloped to victory. And in 1983, All Along beat Sun Princess and Luth Enchantee in an all-

The bookmakers' apparently cramped odds look realistic on this occasion. The seven fillies likely to run include User Friendly, Jolypha, Magic Night and Market Booster, who is due to be supplemented tomorrow.

User Friendly delighted Clive Brittain in her final gallop at Newmarket yesterday. Partnered by her big-race ockey, George Duffield, the St Leger winner came home three lengths clear of Spartan Shareef, who runs in Saturday's Prix Dollar, and two other stable companions.

"That was just what was wanted," the trainer said. The only thing that's been worrying me is whether I could get her there spot on. And now I'm satisfied. We'll fly her out on Saturday so that she can arrive quietly at the stables after racing."

Jolypha, the French Oaks and Prix Vermeille winner, also had her final serious work before she attempts to give Pat Abdulla his third and Andre Fabre his second Arc winner.

Subotica, who was yesterday backed from 16-1 to 12-1 with Ladbrokes, and Arcangues, Fabre's other big-race runners, were also in action. After Jolypha, a full sister to Dancing Brave, had galloped

over ten furlongs, the French champion trainer said: "She went really well and I'm convinced she represents my best chance of winning the Arc since Trempolino."

There were 21 acceptors at

resterday's forfeit stage but Rainbow Comer. Mondaine and Seattle Savour will not run. In addition to Market Booster, Criquette Head's Petit Loup is also expected to be supplemented.

Those wanting to back the six British raiders en bloc would have to lay 5-4 on. This is hardly surprising as, apart from User Friendly, they include Dr Devious. Mashaallah and Saddlers'

At yesterday's Newmarket sales, Peter Chapple-Hyam said that he was pleased with Dr Devious, the recent conqueror of St Jovite at Leo-

"He worked well at Manton on Monday morning on the round gallop. I'm completely satisfied that he's back in the same condition as when he won the Derby."

Cash Asmussen, successful last year on Suave Dancer, flew to Britain yesterday to partner Seattle Dancer in a

gallop at Whitsbury. Afterwards David Elsworth said: "The horse went well. Cash will ride unless he is required by John Hammond for Dear Doctor. In that event I am hopeful of getting Michael Roberts."

The thousands of British visitors could have plenty to cheer about on Saturday.

The Grand Criterium has seven British-trained two-vearolds among the 16 acceptors. Andre Fabre has left in Zafonic but the 4-1 favourite for next year's 2,000 Guineas will run in the event of a mishap to Tenby, also owned by Khaled Abdulla, who will be supplemented today by Henry Cecil.

Drum Taps and Witness Box are among the eight acceptors for Saturday's other group one race, the Prix du adran, while the group two Prix Dollar has attracted no less than 12 British entries including Alnasr Alwasheek, Knifebox, Corrupt and En-vironment Friend.

SPORT FOR THE DISABLED

Webb into stride for cause

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

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SPONSORED walking as a means of raising money for charity is nothing new, but when you are 12, blind, have serious hearing difficulties yet are willing to forfeit a halfterm holiday to trek the 136 miles from the source of the Thames river to Richmond.

people take note.
Simon Webb, from Hampton Hill, Middlesex, fulfilled all those criteria, and at the national launch, last weekend, of Recreation and Easy Access for Disabled Youth (Ready). he was named as the charity's inaugural benefactor of the year, an award that will inevitably take many forms as the society expands. It has to; not everybody will want a pair of

Ready began as a mayoral charity last year in the London borough of Richmond, and has found support in Harle-quins and Richmond rugby dubs. But such was the local response, the trustees, which include Keith MacKinney. last year's mayor, opted for

national exposure. Webb's award was sponsored by Harlequins, who feature prominently in the list of patrons — Bob Hiller and Will Carling among them and Brian Moore, the England hooker, was at the launch at the Richmond Hill Hotel to make the award in tandem with the Lady Stafford, the

charity's first president. In addition to assisting in the purchase of access ramps. disabled toilets, hearing loops and specialist equipment. Ready has negotiated with leading sports clubs to provide free access and safe viewing areas for youngsters with disabilities: a request that Harlequins and Richmond fulfilled and financed.

In its first year. Ready raised £30,000: Webb's venture, with his father, was responsible for half-term is not long away . . . and what better place to spend it than on the London Waterways Walk, raising money for

RUGBY LEAGUE

Carcassonne draw dream tie | Crocker holds spot in Regal Trophy first round

THE French game could not phal entry into English competition than the visit to Wigan which Carcassonne yesterday drew in the first round of the Regal Trophy. While their stay in the competition will almost certainly be a brief one, the prospect of France's leading side playing at Central Park on November 8 is a significant fillip to the game in their country, which struggles in the shadow of the richer rugby union code. In describing the match as a meeting between world and European cham-pions. Claude Depaule, the Carcassonne president, overstated things, but the joyful tears from the French delegation at the draw in Salford were genuine. This is our

us." Depaule said. For Wigan, Carcassonne is a glamour tie, if only because they provide different opposition. John Monie, the Wigan coach, does not underestimate

dream time; the best match for

After winning the French championship last season, Carcassonne remain unbeaten in 40 games. They are not an entirely unknown quantity



to Wigan's Great Britain contingent, as they include seven French internationals.



Monie: cautious

A second French team, Catalan, have an easier task, but Rochdale Hornets, of the second division, possess a sufficiently strong pack to swiftly end Anglo-French relations in the competition for this year. Leeds, whose only success last season was in reaching the final, will despair at the pros-

pect of travelling to St Helens. St Helens first must dismiss Huddersfield on October 27 in the preliminary round: an unwelcome burden in an over-

rib strain. St Helens retain the side that overwhelmed Salford ☐ Leeds have signed James Lowes, a scrum-half, from Hunslet. The fee will be decid-Hunslet. The fee will be decided by a tribunal.

DRAW: Praiminary round: St Helens v Huddersfield: Wakefield v Highfield; Warmgion v Blackpool Gladictors; Swinton v Hall KR; Choricy Borough v Shelfield Eagles Pinst round: St Helens or Huddersfield v Beack, Helfax v Nottingham; Betley v Hunslet, Doncaster v Workington; London Crusadiers v Walefield or Highfield; Rochdais Hornets v Catalan; Salford v Festherstone Rovers; Swinton or Hall KR v Whitefielder, Warmington or Blackpool v Chorley or Sheffield, Leigh v Keighley; Olcham v Casteford: Wigan v Carcassonne, Widnes v Ryedele: Bradford v Barrow, Bramley v Catrisle, Hull v Densbury.

in England squad

THREE fresh faces have been included in the England squad of 12 to face New Zealand in a three-match home international series in November.

The squad, pruned from a party of 19 selected in December, includes one international debutante - Jane Crocker, of Essex Metropolitan — and relative newcomers Helen Manufor and Patricia

Lending experience to the squad is Kendra Lowe, the Bedfordshire wing defence and national captain. Aged 29. the Teesside-born PE teacher has recovered from the knee injury which sidelined her for a year and jeopardised her target of 100 England caps. She has 84.

Crocker, 23, a Hertford-shire-based bank clerk, has progressed through the Under-18 and Under-21 ranks as a goalkeeper or goal defence. Likewise, Manufor. 23, a student in London, plays goalkeeper or goal defence for Middlesex. She made her first international appearance against Wales in March. Sweeney, 29, a PE teacher

from Basildon, made her England debut at wing attack

against Scotland in February The All England Netball Association is still seeking a sponsor for the series against New Zealand, which will be televised by the BBC. The matches are at Wembley Arena on November 7, the G-Mex centre in Manchester on November 12, and Granby

Halis. Leicester, on November

The season begins in earnest on Saturday when the English Counties League probegin the defence of the championship they won in April with a trip to Birmingham. After dominating the competition for several seasons, Birmingham were disappointed to finish fifth last

Essex Metropolitan, the runners-up in April, visit Middlesex, who were third. Bedfordshire are home to Hampshire North, while the two promoted teams, Kent and Hertfordshire, meet south

and Hernordshire, meet south of the Thames.
BNGLAND SQUAD: K Lowe (Bedordshire, captan); M McGrann (West Yorkshire), L Stao (Backesed, S Young (Kart), Y Foster (Essex Metropolitan), A Spirk (Surrey), F Murtagh (Essex Metropolitan), T Papario (Beddordshire), S Fogertly (Badfordshire), H Manufor (Middlesed, J Crooker (Esst Essex), P Sweeney (Essex Metropolitan).

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☐ Petit Loup and Market Booster are due to be supplemented tomorrow. Rainbow Corner, Seattle Savour and Soiree Mondaine are still engaged, but will not run, say trainers.

BRIDGE

Open squad is shut out

THE British Open team has suffered a second setback in the wake of its low-key performance at the world team Olympiad. Tony Forrester, Andy Robson, Graham Kirby and John Armstrong failed to gain automatic selec-tion for the England team in trials for the home international series at Coventry over

Three weeks ago the four players, with Tony Sowier and Roman Smolski, were overshadowed by the British women's team which won silver medals at the Olympiad. At Coventry, they failed to gain one of the four qualifying spots on offer.

Comfortably on top when the round robin ended was the Kent and Middlesex team of Stuart and Gerald Tred-innick Neil Rosen and Phil King. If they win the final segment in two weeks, they will be selected for at least one match against Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. None of the four players has previously appeared in the home international series.

In second place were four Londoners: Glyn Liggins, Andrew Dyson, Oliver Segal, and John Cox Third was the Leicester and Manchester formation headed by Alan Mould and fourth a London squad led by Richard Buttard.

Italian league coverage stands up well in the translation

By HENRY KELLY

HAVING watched Channel 4's coverage of Italian football, albeit with slight reservations. I do not mind declaring it a winner on at least two counts - the quality of the football and the quality of the commentators.

Italian football may be the most stylish in the world but it seems to be played as if every match were a cup final. Thus, it is possible that, barring the type of niggling injury he received on Sunday during Lazio's game against Genoa, Paul Gascoigne will become a real star in his new home. The players are clever, they have a terrific sense of

every now and then they actually look as if they are enjoying the whole business.

Peter Brackley, who heads the Channel 4 commentary team with a ring of experts at hand on a rotating basis, is as good as any football reporter and analyst in the business: he does not talk too much and what he has to say is precise and to the point. For years Brackley has been entertaining people on the lunch and dinner speaking circuit; now television audiences can listen to his superb voice and

first-class commentary.

There are people in British sport — the English cricket

management team springs to

the be all and end all of every sport. Such is the fanaticism of some trainers for their teams that I know of at least one county cricket side which at the start of this season's pre-season training, managed to end up with every member of the first team injured in one way or another. Just from training.

The facts are that different types of fitness are required for different sports. Soon, I hope, the fitness freaks in cricket will realise that you get to a certain level of basic fitness which you would have for any sport and then, for cricket, you get fit by playing the game, day in, day out, morning, noon and night, if SPORT ON TELEVISION

The point that you do not get fit for one sport by taking on the fitness regimes of another was perfectly made during the course of Monday evening's Standing Room. Only. BBC2's nod in the direction of a football fanzine on screen. Here was Kevin Keegan, manager of Newcastle United, stressing the need for the right kind of fitness and here was Len Hepple, a movement coach, taking Jo Durie, the tennis player, through, not a rigorous set of exercises, but a relatively simple series of tasks to show her how to

move and sway correctly. And here too was Steve Black underlining the usefulness of what he called specific

It was interesting, too, to note how much aerobics is done in the average Italian first division football side compared to, say, Everton. The Italians were at it the whole time, Everton nod occasionally in the general direction. This was a good item in a good programme. With Stan Hey's name on the credits - he of The Manageress and other writing fame it was not surprising that there were a few good gags to lighten proceedings. On this evidence, when the presenters stop coming across as if the programme was for under achieving schoolchildren, and a few other bits and pieces are sorted out, this will be a programme not to be The item with Denis Law

was sheer nostalgic magic (you see, Standing Room Only's presenters are getting to me) and the great man, too, had words of wisdom about the fitness freaks in the game today and their mis direction. "To me," Law said, "football played at its best is the most beautiful game." He then chose as his moment of magic from the past a goal by Jimmy Greaves from a game at Wembley in 1967. Law was right: the type of goal, combined with another one we

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were shown from George Best, which we just don't see often enough today. Despite all the fitness.

And what a delight to see Danny Thomas, the former Tottenham player whose career was cut short by injury. back as a trained physiotherapist with West Bromwich

As I salute Standing Room Only, I leave the last word with Thomas. Asked whether he was happier to be a player or a physiotherapist, he re-plied "A physio: you see I had natural ability as a footballer, so to become a player wasn't that difficult. But I never had any natural ability as a student, so passing the exams

was an achievement."

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ANOTHER glimpse of that brilliantly fast filly Lyric Fan-tasy is the consolation for a small turnout in the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes at New-

market today. Michael Roberts, the season's leading rider, has put his judgement to the test by deciding to remain loyal to Lyric Fantasy when he could have ridden Savyedati.

Roberts's decision was governed by the blistering speed that Lyric Fantasy has shown to win her five races, all over

the minimum trip.

He is confident that she will not be troubled by today's extra furlong and believes that Sayyedati is better over seven furlongs or even a mile. Having ridden both fillies in all their races, he is in the best possible position to judge.

Lord Carnarvon, Lyric Fantasy's proud owner, is also sure that she will get the trip. He cites both her pedigree and the fact that she has not been stopping at the end of her races as encouraging omens.
On form, too. Lyric Fantasy

has the clear beating of Sayyedati on a line through Mystic Goddess and Too-

When she won the Queen nership Handicap in the care Mary Stakes in record time at of Michael Hills.

. 2.35 TOUCH PAPER (nap).

3.05 Artistic Fleef.

3.40 Lyric Fantasy.

2.35 Mamdooh.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

1.30 SOLTYKOFF MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £4,893: 1m) (17 runners)

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(Final: £6,524: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

HAMADRYAD best Mr Tate St in an 18-runner Inmitrap at Goodwood (fim 11, good). GELDER-DALE 1161 3rd of 10 to Surrey Dancer in an amateurs' handcap at Goodwood (fim 11, good to soft), with VERCON VENTURE (same terms) of 8th. AVICE CARD around 3kil 4th of 14 to Walmur in a handkapp at Sendown (fim 24, good). RRVAL 800 2%1 2nd of 18 to No Comethacks to a headicap at Bevertey (fim 24, good of sim). SCOTTESH BAMBI best langua nock in an 8-numer handkap at

2.35 HUNTER PRICE PARTNERSHIP HANDICAP

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RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Scottish Bambi. 2.35 TOUCH PAPER (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 ARMIGER (nap), 2.00 Remany,

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.05 HARVEST GIRL.

THUNDERER

2.00 Forever Diamonds

2.35 Young Freeman. 3.05 GARAH (nap).

4.10 Home From The Hill.

3.40 Lyric Fantasy.

1.30 Zind.

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SETTING: 4-1 Scotsman, 5-1 Amelog, 13-2 Zind, 8-1 League Leader, 10-1 Cyrus The Bold, Marian, 12-1 Others. 1991: WESAAM 9-0 W Carson (6-4 lav) W Ham 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BARRAAK 111 7th of 11 to Baggarman Trief in a malden at Yarmouth (77, good to firm). COLLER BAY (Jan 21) is by Genee Desert aut of a tru 41-mil 18 and (a 1 m 21 winning dam. CYRUS THE BAY (Jan 21) is by Genee Desert aut of a tru 41-mil 18 and (a 1 m 20 winning dam. CYRUS THE BOLD 2 3rd of 13 to Deser Raby in a malden at 49.00bjers) is a brother, by Lombid, by in 11-mil 21 brankizapper Eciplic. GRADIENT (Feb 7) is a host-continuing, with 2700 (Alb worse 49.00bjers) is a brother, by Christopher Eciplic in a malden at Doccasies (Time, good to firm). ACROPOT STAT 21 2nd of 11 to Frontier Flight in a malden at Workerbangton (77, good). SHINTRLD (May 2, 23.000pre) is a brother, by Lorstond, to 1m-1m 31 winser Citiquies.

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FORM FOCUS

2.00 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Royal Ascot, those two fillies were five lengths adrift in second and third place. Yet, in the Cherry Hinton Stakes at Newmarket three weeks later, the same two were breathing down Sayyedati's neck in the reverse order.

Since then Sayyedati has won the Moyglare Stud Stakes over seven furlongs at the Curragh while Lyric Fantasy has become the first two-yearold to win the Nunthorpe Stakes at York for 36 years when comfortably holding the July Cup winner, Mr Brooks.

Poker Chip and Anony-mous complete the field. Poker Chip was the 33-1 winner of the group two Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster last time, after disappointing at Salisbury the time before, while Anonymous, a stable companion of Sayyedati, finished last in the Cherry Hinton Stakes after winning the Acorn Stakes at Epsom.

Today's nap is Touch Paper to win the Hunter Price Part-

Lambourn, Touch Paper was a sick horse in midsummer when the yard was plagued

As a result he did not run for more than four months after finishing second at Chester in May. When he did set foot upon a racecourse again, he gave every indication that he should be followed this auturnn by finishing an eyecatching seventh at Doncaster in the race won by Chatham Island.

On that occasion Touch Paper was burdened with 9st



Roberts: staying loyal

Like the vast majority of the horses trained by his father. Barry, at South Bank in Saw him boxed in from the start in a big field. In the circumstances, he did well to finish as close as he did, less 2.25 MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O colls & geldings: £2,637: 61 212yd) (16 numers) than four lengths behind the winner.

MANDARIN

2.25 Newton's Law.

3.25 Chief Of Staff.

3.55 Bo Knows Best

4.55 Coppermill Lad.

4.25 Chippendale Ladd.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES)

DRAW: 6F-6F 212YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.55 Ghurrah.

He has thrived physically since Doncaster and, with his stable now firing again, can pick up the winning thread here off only 8st 2lb. In the Rous Stakes, Artistic

Reef, who was runner-up to the subsequent Diadem Stakes winner, Wolfhound at Newbury last time, having previously finished a close third in the group three King George Stakes at Goodwood. is narrowly preferred to the Scarbrough Stakes second. Harvest Girl.

At Salisbury, the John Sutcliffe-trained Bo Knows Best, who looked unlucky to be beaten on his last visit to the Wiltshire track, is taken to go one better in the Damerham Handicap, having won at Sandown in the meantime.

Finally, on the jumping front at Cheltenham, Graham McCourt has a sporting chance of landing a double for the Yorkshire-based trainer, Nigel Tinkler, on Vain Prince (2.45) and Satin Lover (4.50).

FORM FOCUS

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3.05 ROUS STAKES (Listed race: £10,867: 5f) (12 runners)

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Selection: HARNEST GIRL

3.40 TATTERSALLS CHEVELEY PARK STAKES

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(Final: £6,524: 1m 2f) (15 rumners)
201 (2) 114401 HAMADRYMD 19 (F,5) Orliss M Kaley) W Carter 4-10-0 N Guelliams 93
21 (1) 084436 SulperDALE F1 (0)-6) (Wheat Rackey Partness) J Hills 10-8-9 N Kernedy 92
203 (8) 33114 ANCE CARD 15 (0) BF-P, Stadeh Mohammed J Gooden 3-9-6 F Armershih (3) 90
204 (10) 550275- PARGHR BAY 955 (BF-FS) (Lond Castogue) G Prichard-Gooden 5-9-1 D Hambon 86
205 (6) 331212 RWM, 680 13 (0) BF-P, (D, Anthrony M Javes 44-13, K Raster 92
206 (14) 210-020 HDDDEN LAUGHTER 28 (F) (Stadeh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-13, J Think (3) 67
207 (15) 115415 SCOTTISH BAMBE 27 (D,FP, 6) (Whigh R Hambon 48-13, R Performs 91
208 (9) 135-000 WERZEN VENTURE 32 (D,BF,ES) (J Auchinoloss) M Tompstor 4-8-11 S Mahbon (5) 87
201 (11) 132212 TOMEVER DIAMNONG 12 (F,ES) (JA Auchinoloss) M Tompstor 4-8-11 S Mahbon (5) 87
211 (7) 0-0105 DEBAGLE 19 (D,F) (D Soully) E Hambon 3-8-10 Shab (5) 87
212 (4) 021055 DEMAGLE 19 (D,F) (D Soully) E Hambon 3-8-10 Shab (6) 87
213 (5) 122011 (2) D.SHOWER 5 (D,F) (Carpnond) J Glover 3-8-5 (Sect. R Pfoto 93
214 (7) 0-2051 REMAIN 14 (D,F) (A Hall) J Frentenen 3-8-2 N Vertice (5) 97
215 (7) 016500 DAWN SUCCESS 33 (D,F,ES) (APS J Chapman) D Chapman 6-7-40 Darron Mohat 1991: LORIO OF TUSMORE 4-0 D Holland (9-4 for) Hills 5 R

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TORQUE I KERNEDONIA MURITHOPIS Clates at York (S. pood to Simt), Previously, best Mysics Goddess SI group II Cherny Hirlan Salats on the July Course, and the 13-manus group II Chern Kery Stales at Royal Associ (St. good to firm), POKER CHIP best Selection: LYRIC FARTASY (rep)

4.10 EBF NURSERY (2-Y-O fillies: £20,387: 7f) (21 numners)
601 (16) 124 WYMOMA 40 (CD.BF,6) (Max M Wym Garlith) 6 Bravery 9-7 L. Detect 9
602 (11) 351420 NO RESERVATIONS 21 (F,6) (C. Somether) 8 Joverson 18-0 J. Wissers (5) 9
603 31 CHANN DANCE 53 (6) (J. Greether) M. South 9-4 P. Eddorry 8
604 (9) 321032 HUNG PARLIAMENT 21 (D,6) (W Greetler) 8 Huks 9-3 D Hoddard 9
605 (8) 1 INSTANT AFFAR 22 (D,5) (A Orizotochenia P Code 9-1 T. Colenn 9
606 (19) 2200 SEASONAL SPLENDOURS 5 (R. Cycer) C Cyctr 8-13. Dean Mickeymen 8
607 (17) 280421 LAFEST PLANE 14 (D,7) (Max J. Rect) M Companie 3-10 Paul Mickeymen 8
608 (17) 280421 LAFEST PLANE 14 (D,7) (Max J. Rect) M Companie 3-10 Paul Endorry 9
609 (18) 01 DESCETTE 26 (S) (M Oberstein) Lord Huddington 8-9 D Humbon (3) 6
610 (10) 422160 BROCKTON DANCER 6 (V.P.) (Max D La Troub) R Hannon 9-9 L Piggon 8
611 (15) 010 HOME FROM THE HILL 20 (S) (Capt B Bell) M Bell 8-7 M Hills 9
612 (20) 033 YFDOL 22 (H Salem) J Parlistene 9-1 W R Switchura 18-10 (S) (Capt B Bell) M Bell 8-7 M Hills 9
613 (13) 613 ROYAL DWA 12 (G) (R Ogdarn) Max S Hall 9-5 G Hind 6
614 (4) 582551 TRAMELEY WOOD 15 (D,G) (Max E Vestey) G Pristenel-Gordon 8-4. B Doyle (S) 9
615 (5) 2010 DELTA DOWNES 21 (G) (A Belde (Emanie) Log R Hannon 8-4 P Robinson 8
616 (21) 22400 WRERE'S THE DANCE 11 (Max J. Consisten) M R Hannon 8-4 P Robinson 8
617 (2) 201551 KYRENIA GAME 18 (D,F.5) (R Camplact) M Report 7-1 S (Toleron C) 9
620 (F) PARLIAMENTE 18 (B) (Sancten Recorg) M Tomplain 7-7 N Kannedy (S) 9
630 (C) 14 45006 FRAMASTINE 18 (B) (Sancten Recorg) M Tomplain 7-7 N Kannedy (S) 9
630 (C) 14 Encolon Dance 18 Downes 19 Dance 18 Downes 18 Dance 18 Downes 18 Dance 18 Danc (2-Y-O fillies: £20,387: 7f) (21 runners)

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BETTINE: 8-1 Perdicon, Spring Suntise, 10-1 Design, 12-1 Chain Durce, Royal Dive, 14-1 Brackson Dancer, Resal Braken, Hung Parliament, Instant Mair, Where's The Dance, 16-1 Home From The HRL 20-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

NO RESERVATIONS short-head 2nd of 14 to 16 Mayor in a musery at York on perceibrate start (71, good), with HIMMS PARLIAMENT (10th worse off a next sixt CHAIN DANKE beat Glowing Jake a short head in a 6-sumes conductors seen at Windson (61, good). LATEST SLAME beat Ruming (61, good). HIMMS PARLIAMENT 11 2nd of 16 to Fidenole in a trussery at Domizeles (81, 110yd, good), with SPARLIAMENT (12 and of 16 to Fidenole in a trussery at Domizeles (81, 110yd, good), with SPARLIAMENT (12 beater off) a head 3nd, HEART BROCKEN (15 beater off) a head 3nd, WHENE'S THE DANKE 90, DELTA DOWNIS 11th

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS TRAINERS 36.0 27.1 21.2 19.9 19.3 18.9

BETTING: 9-2 Touch Paper, 11-2 Jumairs Stark, Wild File, 6-1 Mandook, 8-1 Robing, 12-1 Gong, Walmu, 14-1 Sowering Page, 16-1 Dear Hunt, Westark, Well Stockled, Young Feature, 25-1 Rose Elegance 19-21: APTAKOSIC 8-10 L Detort (6-1) L Corners 10 can RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE WEETINGS

Newcastle

2-30 (im) 1, Stoprovertate (N Connorton, 10-1); 2, Gold Surprite (13-2); 3, Meton Rooms (33-1) Dezzáng Fire 11-8 tav. 16 ran, 35); 4 S Norion, Tote: 58-50: 22-30, 52-30, 514-30, DF; 520-20, CSF 574-32. 1min 47.24sec. 3.00 (tm) 1, Saida (M. Birch, 13-2), 2, Drusmer Hoiss (4-1); 3, Supper To Bige (7-2 May), Jubran 7-2 May 7 nan. Sn Ind. sid. R Whitalest. Tone 19.80; 12.20, 52.40, DF: 533.70, CSF- 123.59; 1mm 47.53sec. 3.30 Cm 10-01; 1, Birch Miscary (M. PSid. 3.0 (2m 19yd) 1, Prince Mercury (J Pearl, 7-2); 2, Ambuscate (7-7), 3, Kauser (25-1), Aragulan Piyer 3-1 fav 8 ran 294, sh nd J Dongo Toba, 24 00, Ct 50, Ct

lav. Our Newmarket Correspondent's nep); 2, Soeking (5-2); 3, Lem Fox (33-1), 8 ran 1 kl, 1 kl, M Bell Tote, £1,60; £1,10, £1,20, £2,50 DF; £1,70 CSF; £2,56, Imm 16,36sec. 16.36eec. 5.00 (5) 1. Cranfield Cornet (J Cerrot, 8-2 soy); 2. Yours Or Mine (5-1); 3, Lott Boy (7-1) 12 ran. NR. Sammy Staw. 134, 2, J Senv Tote: 95.30; 22.00, 51.40, 52.70. DF. 99.70. CSF: 925.87. Tricast: \$140.79. 1min Placepot: 9967.00

Leicester (for 21, good). SHARP DREAM had breezed Well a short head in a 20-conner apprecioes: handicap at Kompton (fim 11, good). FÜREV-ER DIAMMOND 1141 2nd in 19 in Editioning in a handicap at Ayr (1m, soft). COLO SHOWER completed a double when bealing Military Egont 21 in a handicap at Burdear (im 11, good). HEMANY head lauscher 301 in a medien at 13-runner Beverlay (im 21, good in fem). Selection: GILDERDALE

Brighton Brighton

Golorg: good (good to soft in places)

1.50 (87 209yd) 1, Consybury (i. Dettor), 11-8 8tw), 2, Surfara: (7-4); 3, Royal Interval (66-1), 9 ran. 41 244, L. Cumaru. 10as: 52 40; 61 10, 61 20, 92 40, DF: 61 70, CSF; 54.01, 2.20 (rim 1) 208yd) 1, Fawa: (R Halls, 9-1); 2, Jazz (2-1); 3, Qualen Caroline (15-8 tev) 10 ran. 244, 7, R Armstrong 10as: 25.90, 62 10, 61 30, 61 10 DF 618.70 CSF; 25.30.

2 so mil 213 and 1, Rockbourne (1 Sprake,

Laheat 5 Nov. 17 ran. NR: No Extres. %L sh hd. 194. G Lawre. Tole: \$7.00: \$2.40, \$9.50, \$24.80, \$1.80. DF: \$143.60 CSF. \$154.33. Tideas: \$1.361.78. 3.50 GS \$690] 1, 1, Banchworth Bound (M. Roberts, \$2-1); 2, Tommy Tempest (11-2); 3, Night Gown (12-1), Indica 5-4 law 8 ran. NR: Casthmaran 2, Rd, E. Wheeler Tote. \$2.90; \$1.90, \$2.00. DF: \$8.80 CSF \$112.00. 4.20 (Im 1/208yd) 1, Mayesta (R Hills, \$3-1); 2, Lastur (14-1); 3, Mahong (10-1); 3, Tendresza (15-6 tav), 19 ran. NR. Smging Gold 195, 11. R Armstong, Tote: \$246.50; \$2.90, \$2.40, \$2.00, \$1.80. DF; \$72.50 CSF: \$32.97. Tricast: \$2.401.50.

CSF: S382.87. Tricest: \$4,401.50.
4.50 (8) 209yd) 1, Duty Sergeant (A Murro, 15-1), 2. Across The Say (16-1); 3. Ler Cru (11-1), 4. Charmed Knava (8-1); Teansaco 4 tav 17 ran. NF: Croher's Clare. 41, sh hd. 34 Mucgeridge. Tote. 223 70; E4,10, E5.30.
£2.30, £1.90. DF: £483.30. CSF: £245.33. Tricest: £2,681.57.
Placacot: \$28,80

DF: \$21.00, CSF - \$215, 44. Treast: \$228.02.
3min 40, 72sec
4.00 (\$7), 1. Spice And Sugar (J. Reid, 16-1);
2. Louvre (5-2); 3. Forts Pawor (20-1).
Pision 1-2 tay, 5 ran NR: Burntwood Lad,
Arusha, 5h hd. 14, J. Bethell, Tote, \$11.40.
22.70, \$1.40. DF: \$215.90 CSF: \$23.30.
22.70, \$21.40. DF: \$215.90 CSF: \$23.30.
23.00 (61.20.00), 1. Wr. Nevermind (D. Harrison, 6-1), 2. Homerasker (20-1); 3. Tonkawa (16-1) 3. 12 ran, 6, 284. 0
Harrison, 6-1), 2. Homerasker (20-1); 3. Tonkawa (16-1) 3. 12 ran, 6, 284. 0
Harrison, 6-1), 2. Homerasker (20-1); 3. Tonkawa (16-1) 3. 12 ran, 6, 284. 0
Harrison, 6-1); 4. Just You Dare (6-1)
DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.23.

2.40 Cm 11 110yc holie) 1. Sandro (W McFarland, 9-2); 2. Electydo (9-2); 3. Shirt (33-1); Elegant Touch 8-11 fav. 10 ran 20, 151. R Belon: Touch 8-11 fav. 10 ran 20, 151. R Belon: Touch 8-11 fav. 10 ran 20, 151. R Belon: Touch 8-10 fav. 10 ran 20, 250 DF: 5:16.40 CSF 5:23.99
3.10 (2m 31 110yd ch) 1, Ragian Road (P Holiey, 8-1); 2, Mr Vergette (9-2 fay); 3. Dunctroma (5-1); 12 ran. 25, 201. Mrs P Duffield, Tote: 55:30; 52:80, 51:60, 63:50 DF: 63:30, CSF 63:127.
3.40 (2m 11 110yd hole) 1, Solid Steel (J Clarke, 6-4 fay); 2; Head Turker (8-1); 3, The Black Monk (7-2): 7 ran. 2, 3-91. A Moora. Tote: 62:70; places: \$1:30, £3:90 DF: \$13:90 CSF. £13:71 Tate £2.75; places £1.30, £3.90 DF: £13.90 CSF, £13.71 1.41.0 (2m 3f ch) 1, Roscoe Harvey (G Bradley, 9-1), 2, Faithful Star (Evens fav); 3, Dere Say (7-1) 9 ran 2 Hr. 51, C Brooks Toke £19.90; £19. 2.55 FONTHILL HANDICAP (£3,517: 1m) (18 numers)

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

BETTIMS: 11.4 Baron Fredhand, 4-1 Hewton's Law, 11.2 Law Commission, 13.2 Abya wab, 10.1 Sykama, 14.1 Damash Steel, 16.1 Special Dawn, 20.1 Anaher saire, 25.1 others.

1981: AUTOCRACY 9-0 B Rouse (2-1 tax) R Hamon 14 con

2.25 Newton's Law.

3.25 Her Honour,

3.55 Bo Knows Best.

4.55 Face The Future.

4.25 Embankment

2.55 Master Of The Rock.

2. 33 FONTHILL HANDICAP (£3,517: 1m) (18 runners)

1 (16) 5-00300 MBLCRER R8 (f) (Ass P Treadwell 6 Harwood 4-10-0 ... M Pennt 90
2 (14) 159/00-0 NACCANON (53 (f.5) (A Hais) R Baiss 4-8-6 ... M Howe - 3
112, 010 LANDOB 6 (D.5) (6 Harbory) B Harbory 3-9-6 ... B Reymond 88
4 (17) 6-34000 SWRT ROMANCE 11 (D.6) (Ass N Duffiel) B Milliona 4-9-1 ... E Barborel 69
5 (8) 519/20 GHAPRAH 12 (6) (P Umarion Al-Harborano C Benezia 3-9-1 ... R Hosts 97
6 (3) 123/40 MOSSY ROSE 13 (D.5) (5 Steep) Loot Harboracia 6-9-1 ... A Marion 95
7 (4) 10000 MASTER 07 FIVE ROCK 52 (Mario 12 Mario 3-9-0 ... Stephen Davids 5(5) 90
9 (7) 530034 GACHETTE 18 (5 Cronter) J Suctide 3-8-12 ... B Rocks 93
10 (5) 16-50 GOLD BLADE 19 (F) Lacobs 10 Geben 3-9-11 ... R Cochrane 86
11 (18) 04506 ACARA 27 (R Wood) C James 3-8-10 ... Date Gibson 90
12 (11) 0535 CUBUTIZ 52 (Octagon Racon) P Parts 3-8-10 ... Date Gibson 90
14 (8) 055020 AFFA 9 (6 Other) T Iborrison Joses 3-8-9 ... S Winterson 90
15 (10) 000056 BLACK JEWE 7 (V.F.E.S) (Dr + Stember) M Uster 9-8-6 ... M Wighton 90
16 (10) 000056 BLACK JEWE 7 (V.F.E.S) (Dr + Stember) M Uster 9-8-6 ... M Wighton 90
17 (13) 500000 SAREEN EXPRES 2 (01) Or Hazzard Mr. J David 4-8-4 ... A MacSion 98
BETTING: 4-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marte Port 14-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marte Port 14-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marter Port 14-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marter Port 14-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marter Port 14-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marter Port 14-1 Satisn, 13-2 Laboto, 7-1 Gachen, 10-1 Swift Romance, 12-1 December Force, 14-1 Chorach, Marter Port 14-1 Chorach, 14-1 Chorach, 14-1 Chorach, 14-1 Chorach, 14-1 Chorach, 14-1 Chorach, 14-1 Cho BETTRICS: 4-1 Sation, 13-2 Lahoob, 7-1 Gachese, 10-1 Swift Romance. 12-1 Document Force, 14-1 George), Mossy Rose, 16-1 Spitesh Glory, Mulciber. 20-1 ottoes.

1991: DODGY 4-9-4 A Muoro (7-1) W Hagges 18 can

3.25 HURDLERS CLAUMING STAKES

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(6)	42-2001	CHEEF OF STAFF 82 (F) (F Salaran) P Cole 9-7 A Monto	B
(4)		DARING TROUBLE (Thome Boys) & Charles-Junes 9-0 E McKinley	-
(1)	1	HER HOHOUR 92 (D.P) LI Hambro) Lond Humangdon B-10 J Reid	В
(1)	123580	KARAMOJA 15 (S) (P Jacobs) H Graham 8-9 R Coctrane	92
(iti)	360632	BEL BARAKA 16 (C Monts) D Elsworth 8-8	7
Ö		MISS MARDSOLD 16 (J Hoare) R Hodges 8-6	
ĺΖĺ		ERAS MOOD 9 (S Sahmeni) B Patting B-0 Stephen Davies (5)	
(a)		LILY MORETON 71 (M Houseman) M Heaton-Elics 7-12 Date Gibson	
(5)		ROXY RIVER 18 (Mrs M Remell) R Harmon 7-12	
Ô		JARRINE 14 (BF) (R Alectust) J Pearce 7-10	
		tour, 4-1 Chief Of Staff, 5-1 Sel Barato, 6-1 Karamojo, 8-1 Eiros Mood, J'Arme, 14-1 A	
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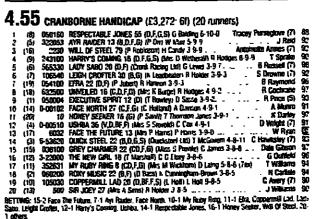
1891: 88D FOR ELEGANCE 7-8 D GROSs (5-1) R Hannos 17 san

3.55 DAMERHAM HANDICAP (£3,730 1m 4f) (20 numers)

BETTING: 5-1 Be knows Best, 6-1 Yelephan, 13-2 Prote Qf Boson, 6-1 Receptaine Bay, The Pewer, 10-1 Hersel Egypt Fort, 14-1 Appar, 16-1 Charmed Life, 20-1 miles. 1981: MAHRAJAN 7-8-8 R Cochrane (9-2) C Benslead 11 tan

4.25 MARLBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O colts & geldings: £2,637: 61 212yd) (16 numers)

BETTING, 3-1 Embestment, 5-1 Captain data, 7-1 Moorett, 9-1 Son Ol Starp Shor, 10-1 Chippenside Lie, Breenham, 14-1 Amazing Ast, 16-1 On Bette, 20-1 Fourtestan, 25-1 others 1991: MAIN 880 9-0 A Marko (7-2) M Moubarda 15 Kin



1991: TARA'S GRL 4-9-12 N Home (7-1) Mrs & Waring 19 cm

TRAINERS	Wins	Rens	*	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	8
A Scott G Harwood	29	12	33 3 31 5	A Maseo R Cochrane	12 21	53 137	226 153
L Comercia M Prescott	8	27	296	R Price	15	42	143
P Cole R Charlton	16 5	92 27 15 96 30	31 5 29 6 20 0 16.7 16.7	A Clark B Rouse	6 19	53 137 43 133 135	226 153 143 135 103 97

Higson covers

losses

KEN Higson, fined £1,200 on Monday after pulling Across The Card out of a race at Fontwell in protest at low prize-money, more than covered his losses at Brighton yesterday.

When Mr Nevermind beat ters of a length in the Bright-helmstone Nursery, the colt netted £2,746 for the flamboyant owner.

An 8-1 shot, ridden by apprentice David Harrison, Mr Nevermind was trainer Geoff Lewis's 46th winner of the year.

The rest of the afternoon belonged to Richard Hills and Robert Armstrong, who teamed up to land a 339-1 double with the unraced Fawz (9-1) in the Levy Board Maiden Stakes and Mayaasa (33-1) in the Saltdean Handicap. Luca Cumani kept up his excellent strike-rate with juve-

niles at the Sussex track when Concybury romped away with the EBF Sompting Maiden Stakes. Robert Sangster's colt, the 11-8 favourite, brought his trainer's five-year tally to 11 successes from only 14 two-year-old runners.

☐ Sheikh Albadou has his Breeders' Cup warm-up race on Saturday when he tackles the Vosburgh Stakes over seven furlongs on dirt at

Belmont Park. Walter Swin-

burn rides.

CHELTENHAM MANDARIN

2.15 King's Tressure. 2.45 Vain Prince. 3.15 Dagaz. 3.45 Royle Speedmaster. 4.15 Tri Folene. 4.50 Satin Lover. THUNDERER 2.15 King's Treasure. 2.45 Native Pride, 3.15 Dagaz. 3.45 Far Senior. 4.15 Wigtown Bay. 4.50 Satin Lover.

2.15 ROSEHILL HOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0:£1,987: 2m 110yd) (11 tunners)

1 1111 MCHAMA 18 (0, F.G.S.) M Page 11-1 P Scadanora CLIFTON CRUISER 1177 Mrs F Wisheyn 10-12 B de Hean 3 4 BD 25 M Meade 10-12 J Raillon 4 RPITER MOON 27F Mrs A Swindark 10-12 R Guest 6 Wist's TREASURE 46F | Bating 10-12 R Stronge 7 TRUMPET 89F J O'Stee 10-12 M A Fizzard B TRY LEGARD 12F J Moore 10-12 M A Fizzard B TRY LEGARD 12F J Moore 10-12 A Clarifon 9 GREY BUT ROSY 15F P McChies 10-7 P McChine (7) 10 LEVEL 12F C Broad 10-7 C Liewellyn 11 OASF WINTER LIGHTINGS 4 (BF) D Windle 10-7 P McChine 11 10-45F WINTER LIGHTINGS 5 (BF) D Windle 10-7 LIEWELING 4 LIEW 4-5 Morana, 4-1 King's Treasure, 6-1 Ed., 10-1 Texas Scramble, 14-1 Winter Lightening, 76-1 others.

2.45 NOTGROVE NOVICES CHASE

(E.S., 2.5.1. 2.11) (0.7)

1 U412 AIR COMMANDER 11 (D.F.G) Mrs P Joynes ?-11-5 _____ T Wall
2 30-1 DYRLIN 19 (D.F.) K Burte B-11-5 ______ J Radion
3 (AS1 EMRYS 19 (D.F.) D Burchell 9-11-5 ______ D J Burchell
4 22-1 VANN PRINCE 12 (C.D.F.) N Timite 5-11-4 _____ G McDout
5 224- ANSENTS SPUR 168 (C.G.F.) Webber 5-11-0 _____ M Lyech
6 16P- MATINC PRIDC 180 (C.D.F.G.S) K Balley 5-11-0 _____ M Lyech
6 16P- MATINC PRIDC 180 (C.D.F.G.S) K Balley 5-11-0 _____ M Hawla
8 FU44 DZZY DEALER 15 Mrs J Joynen 5-10-8 _____ M Sherrett
Evers Valo Punca, 4-1 Air Commander, 9-2 Dyffin, 8-1 Errys, 10-1 Mative Pride,
16-1 others.

3.15 SWINDON TOWN HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,782: 2fn 7f) (12) 1 13-2 MASTER DANCER 19 (CD,6,5) M Blacebard 5-12-0 Miss S.A. Billiot

2-1 Dayez, 9-2 Officer Caded, 11-2 Middland Lad. 13-2 Hogli, 10-1 Master Dancer, 12-1 Bravo Ster, Chucklestone, 16-1 others.

3.45 CHURCHDOWN HANDICAP CHASE 9-4 Stapping Tim, 11-4 Royle Specimaster, 5-1 States Abbey, Whats The Crack, B-1 For Senior, 12-1 Dataers Cavally, Tumberly David, 33-1 Textrell Lad.

4.15 CIRCHCESTER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950; 2m 51) (8)

2.4,530. 2011 31) (6) 162 (D.F.G.S) B Willowson 7-11-10 ... , O'Hara 2 14-1 TRI FIX.EME 428 (B.D.F.G.S) M Pite 6-11-5... P Scudanore 3 63-3 WISTOWN BAY 13 (D.F.G.) J Macke 9-10-12 ... C Hawkins 4 3-14 WIMARUCK 34 (B.B.F.F.G.S) B Obtion 9-10-11 ... R Dummoudy 5 UA2- TOM ERR 1-19 (F.G.S) A Turnell 10-10-11 ... S McNell 6 10P- EMSES-H 175 (F.S) F Murphy 7-10-1 ... N Maguise 7 28-5 SMOOTH START 11 (F.G.) A James 7-10-0 ... U Leaby (7) 8 9-24 FOCUS ON FOSTER 11 (B.F.) J Webber 10-10-0 W Marston (S) 11-8 Tri Folene, 3-1 Winsbuck, 11-2 Wilgown Bay, 13-2 Essee-H, 8-1 Tom Br. 14-1 others

4.50 GOTHERINGTON NOVICES HURDLE

£2,250; 2m 110yd) (22)						
1	P-11	BAYPHIA 35 (D.F.S) Mrs F Wahryn 4-11-5				
2	-411	BYZANTINE 13 (V.D.F) G Richards 4-11-5 N Dought				
3	3-13	WINESS OF FREEDOM 12 (F) J Jestions 4-11-5 R Dustergod				
ă		BLACK JOKER 188 A J Wilson 6-11-1				
Š	201	PURRY LOCH 6 H Xavanagh 6-11-1 Miss L Blackfood (7				
6	SEL	GLEN LOCHAN 175 Mess H Knight 7-11-1 J Ostron				
7	303	INDIAN MAESTRO 163 Mrs. A Swingank 6-11-1 R Good				
ė	300	KATIE'S JOKER 165 O O'Neil 6-11-1 V Signey (
ğ	35.	NIGHT WIND 187 A Turnell 5-11-1				
10	M	PLACID LAD 515 J Webber 5-11-7				
11	24.9	STEPLING BUCK TI G Yarday 5-11-1				
12	AD 0	WAIG GOLD 11 R Horiges 5-11-1				
	****	MAN AND ILL HANDS 3-11-1 VIO				
13	3723	HENLEY REGATTA 11 P Rockerd 4-11-0 I Shoepe				
14	12	MARSH WARBLER 144 R Frost 4-11-0 J Frost				
15	Q-	ONLY FOR PLEASURE 158 J Jenkins 4-11-0 M Aher				
16	ᄣ	REZA 2 J Eyra 4-11-0 A Macholian				
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4.20 FEDERATION BREWERY LCL PILS LAGER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,464: 2m 1f 110yd) (6)

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Blinkered first time NEWMARKET: 2.35 Robingo, Sovereign Page, 4,10 Brockton Dancer, SALISBURY: 3.55 Hazzerl, 4.55 Ushba.

Flat riders in hurdles race

LEADING Flat jockeys Steve Cauthen, Michael Roberts, Ray Cochrane and Frankie Dettori are to take on their jump racing counterparts in a hurdles race next month.

They will be part of a six-man Hat team taking on six jump jockeys in a two-mile handicap hurdle at Chepstow on October 20. The jumps team will include Peter Soudamore, Richard Dunwoody and Hywel Davies.

The race was originally planned as part of Steve Smith Eccles's benefit year but the proceeds will now be shared with colleague Nigel Coleman, who has been seriously ill since the end of last season.



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Stephens to step up at stand-off for Wales

By GERALD DAVIES

WALES have made just one by other players at the begin change to their team to play Italy at Cardiff Arms Park next Wednesday. Colin Stephens, of Llanelli, replaces Neil Jenkins, of Pontypridd, at stand-off half from the side that completed last season's five nations' championship win over Scotland.

Jenkins has been serving out a suspension since being sent off in the semi-final of the Schweppes Cup last season. With his ban having ended last Monday and only playing his first game for his club on Saturday, he was effectively out of contention. With Aled Williams, of Swansea, not included in the squad, Adrian Davies, who is playing well for Cardiff, was the other

If it could be said that Stephens failed to grasp the tactical nettle last Saturday against Swansea, and so influence his team to change its running pattern against an iron midfield defence, the stand-off has nonetheless begun the season in fine form, scoring 39 points in the defeat of Newport the previous week. Richard Webster remains

on the flank although he has not played over the last three weekends because of a hamstring injury. He hopes to prove his fitness on Saturday.

The Welsh Rugby Union, though, has upset several leading players by refusing to award caps for the international, which replaces a proposed fixture aganst a club side. "We took the view that it is only a preparation game for the five nations' championship," Denis Evans, the

union's secretary, said. Alan Davies, the Wales coach, is in no mood to rush into any changes at this stage. Regardless of the form shown

Northern Division team to

play Wales B at Pontypool on

October 14, the last game

before the match with the

South Africans in Leeds on

November 10, has been de-

ferred for a week. The

selectors have chosen instead a

squad of 27, which will be

refined after this weekend's

The squad includes Ian

Hunter, the England B full

back, who is recovering from

a cartilage operation. Hunter hopes to play for Northamp-

ton before the encounter with

Wales B and his aim may be

the retention of his place in the

England B XV which plays the

South Africans at Bristol on

Divisional players likely to

be required for England's

games against Canada, on

October 17, and South Africa,

on November 14, have been

omitted from the North

squad, where the accent, par-

ticularly behind the scrum, is

league matches.

November 7.

ning of the season, he feels that the formation of the national team at the start of a new campaign should be com-posed of the known quantities of last season.

There is no point in changing for changing's sake," he said. "The strength and fabric of the team is based on what we had when we left off against Scotland. It takes time to get a structure properly in place and we must honour the confidence of those players who did so well for us then."

He believes Italy will be strong opponents. There are so many overseas players now-adays in Italy," he said, "that they are bound to influence the home-grown talent. This is not a spaghetti match."

Last season was Davies's first as coach and although Wales failed to reach the World Cup quarter-finals, they did secure two victories in the five nations' championship. On the evidence of this, he has introduced a new resolve to a team whose morale had been badly shaken.

The championship is still some way off but Davies cannot avert his eyes from the prospect of meeting the world champions in November. With this in mind and armed with the knowledge of the height that Australia boast in the lineout, the performance importance. Failure in this facet has contributed in large measure to Wales's undoing

are two old heads in Bryan

Barley and Kevin Simms, but

a clutch of under-21 players

will hope to make their mark.

game in England is against

the Midland Division on Nov-

ember 4; the Midlands have

The South Africans' first

North to pin hopes

on new generation

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

THE announcement of the likely to be on youth. There



The low-down: Moskvina passes on some of the finer points of ice skating to Briggs and Mednick during the training camp at Milton Keynes

Briggs sets off in search of ice breakthrough

JASON Briggs is an ice skater in a hurry. Much more so than the rest of those who depend on ice and snow for their sport and have less than 18 months at their disposal before the next Winter Olympic Games at Lillehammer in Norway.

For most it will be a period for consolidating on their performances at Albertville last February. The two-year gap to this first Winter Games to be staged apart from their summer counterparts has persuaded many to stay in competition. For Briggs, however, it is a mat-

ter of starting all over again.
The 20-year-old from Mansfield took to the ice at Albertville alongside Kathryn Pritchard as the British pairs champions. They finished one but last. For Pritchard, reaching an Olympics was

the climax of her career. For Briggs, it was only the beginning.
"Kathryn's goal was just to have competed at an Olym-

pics. My goal is to go much farther than that; to become a medal chance." Briggs said. He broke off the partnership and went to the United States in search of somebody more committed. He found her at a rink in Moncy. New Jersey, training under Peter Burrows, a British expatriate. Dana Mednick, 19, had lost her partner since competing in the US juniors and was willing to take the plunge and don British colours with

Briggs. But time was short. We applied for, and got. Dana's release from the American authorities just in time," Briggs said. "A couple of weeks later the ISU [the sport's governing body] imMichael Coleman reports on a British skater who has formed a partnership aimed at

a medal in the next Winter Olympic Games

posed stricter regulations on link-ups like ours." A year's residence in the new country

world champions, had already provided Britain with another of his pupils, Charlene von Saher, a London-born, though American-domiciled, solo skater who first appeared for Britain last year at the European and world championships. For Mednick the incentive was the same: an early entry into world-class competition. She moved to Briggs's home in Mansfield — a

residence immersed in skat-

Burrows, who has handled

they had only the previous week attended Britain's first ing since Jason's twin brother, Simon, is an international and the pair got to work at

Solihull, coached by Anne Crompton, with their first target the British bronze and silver medal tests. Without this they could not compete at the national championships in Milton Keynes from November 1 to 5.

For pairs this means aligning double jumps and spins, making precarious lifts performed at speed look effortless and, most difficult. mastering the timing of the huge throw jumps. The link-up worked well — she is but 4ft 11in and he 5ft 10in —

and they got through the tests successfully, the silver being passed only last week. By a stroke of good fortune.

winter sports training camp at Milton Keynes. Involving figure, dance and speed skaters, it was funded and organised by the British Olympic Association (BOA). Twenty-seven skaters were encamped at Milton Keynes.

As well as on-ice activities there was much to do off ice, with consultants giving advice on exercise physiology, nutrition, sports psychology, choreography and time management. There was also the unexpected bonus of three of the world's most successful - and expensive -

Cario Fassi, the man who gave John Curry and Robin

confidence to become Olympic champions, came from Milan; Natalya Dubova, a czarina of ice dance, came from Moscow, and, to the delight of Briggs and Mednick, from St Petersburg less than Tamara Moskvina, the diminutive creator of great pairings. including the present world and Olympic champions, Natalya Mishkutyonok and Artur Dmitryev.

Moskvina was soon on ice herself with the new British pairing, showing how it should be done. "It was an overpowering experience." Briggs said. "She is 100 per cent." The unsponsored Briggs, who tends bar at night to cover costs, is showing a commitment himself in his race to reach the top of his

BASKETBALL

Kings are

counting

on success

By Nicholas Harling

THE prospect of unprecedent-ed riches is the incentive for

Guildford Kings when they

take on Limoges in the European Champions' Cup at

Should Kevin Cadle's squad

progress from the first round

tie, the second leg of which is

in France a week tomorrow, it

could find itself involved in a

television deal that will bring

security in a sport not re-

Guildford made a first

round exit against Mechelen,

of Belgium, last season and it

prevented the club, then

known as Kingston from

taking advantage of talk of a

£250,000 contract from

Dorna - the Spanish-backed

sports marketing organisation that holds the television rights

to the later stages of the

thing ever for British basket-ball," Mike Coley, the chief executive of Dorna (Market-

ing) UK Ltd. said yesterday. "If they beat Limoges, we'll

stan talking numbers with

them but, at the moment, we

don't have any contractual

obligations."
Kings' early departure last year left them short of funds

and without the appeal to

attract a leading sponsor, even

though the club went on to

capture all five domestic tro-

phies. The need to avoid more

financial strife will add to their

determination to dispose of

Limoges, the one club to finish

below them on the only previ-

ous occasion they reached the

"It could be the biggest

competition.

nowned for its guarantees.

Crystal Palace tonight

YACHTING

Tudor breaks through as strong winds take toll

middle-order places changing

The one concern is for

almost by the hour.

crew aboard British Steel II broke through to lead the British Steel Challenge roundthe-world race yesterday as stronger winds in the Bay of Biscay began to take their toll

opted for a squad weekend by Ian MacGillivray, which rather than a warm-up game. and will be seeking a new captain and scrum half, havhad led from the outset, suffered a torn headsail and Pete ing lost Rupert Moon to Goss, aboard the third-placed Hofbrau Lager, reported that London Irish will be withthey had lost their jockey pole out Paul Collins, their captain, overboard. for at least the next two league

games. Collins. a flanker, broke two fingers during last weekend's match at Bath. Neil Back returns to the flank for Leicester's league game at Wasps after a threeweek absence because of a shoulder injury. Tony Underwood replaces his brother, Rory, under the club's rota

System.

NORTHERN DIVISION SQUAD: Backs: I Huriter (North-motor), J Mailinder (Sale), J Steightholmer (Wakel-ettil, B Barley (Wakel-lotd), D Erhwards (Wakel-ettil, B Karriey (Wakel-lotd), D Erhwards (Wakel-etd), K Simme (Lverpool St Holora), S Bromiey (Pugby), G Ainscough (Oroil), P Greyson (Water-loc), K Bracken (Bristol), D Scully (Wakel-lotd), Forwards: P Lancester (West Hartispool), J Russell (Broughton Park), S Mitchell (West Hartispool), B Russell (Rivorthol), M Writtonhol, S Peters (Winterloo), M Writtonhol, S Peters (Winterloo), M Writtonhol, Sale), J Dbon (Wast Hartispool), D Baldwin (Sale), N Allott (Waterloo), K Westgurth (West Hartispool), P Walton (North-motor), M Genewood (Wasps), M Pepper (North-gharm), A Ireland (Fydde), A Mectatisne (Sale), S Gellagher (Oreil).

☐ The South African Barbarians are to play three matches in Britain to raise funds for the Kidney Foundation. They will meet Gloucester on November 15, a Scottish president's XV at Hawick three days later and a Welsh president's XV in Cardiff on November 20.

By Barry Pickthall RICHARD Tudor and his the benefits and excitement of one-design racing around the world are clear, with the

Commercial Union, skippered by Will Sutherland. After mison the ten-strong fleet.
Pride of Teesside, skippered taking the five-minute delay to the start last Saturday, the yacht has fallen further astern by the day and now lies 78 miles behind British Steel II. At one point the yacht appeared to be lying hove-to. before continuing her course Tudor, who has taken to without reporting problems. WITHOUT REPORTING PRODICTIS.

LATEST POSTIONS (at 14:00 GMY yesterday, with mises to Rio de Janeno): 1, British Stael II (R Trudor) 4,483 miles; 2, Pride of Teesside (I MacGillivray) 4,500; 3, Hofbrau Lager (P Goss) 4,506; 4, Rhone-Pulienc (J O'Driscot) 4,518; 5, Coopers & Lyorand (Y Chem) 4,520; 6, Heath Insured (A Donovan) 4,525; 7, Interspray (P Jeffes) 4,526; 8, Nuclear Bectric (J Cruttenden) 4,529; 9, Group 4 Securitisa (M Golding) 4,533; 10 Commercial Union (W Sutherland) 4,571 talking over the radio in Welsh

to avoid giving information away to his rivals, reported that British Steel II had been fighting against 50-knot headwinds overnight. This, however, may have gained something in translation, for MacGillivray reported yesterday that Teesside, trailing just 12 miles astern, had experienced little more than 15 knots of breeze.

Reporting 14-knot southwesterly winds yesterday afternoon, the Teesside skipper said: "We tore out No. 1 genoa overnight and the crew are repairing it now. This is the reason why we have slipped back, but we will be back in the lead by tomorrow."

Apart from the torn sail, which the crew must stitch by hand, he said all was well on board, har "one slightly twisted ankle and continued problems with the weather fax machine.

With just 15 miles dividing John O'Driscoll's Rhone-Poulenc, in fourth place, and Group 4 Securitas, in ninth,

☐ Sydney: The One Australia syndicate, under its skipper, John Bertrand, is to become the sixth challenger for the

1995 America's Cup. John Harvey, the general manager of One Australia, said yesterday that his group, representing the specially-formed Southern Cross Yacht Club, had sent the \$75,000 fee to the holders, the San Diego Yacht Club.

Harvey said there had been a delay in formally registering the entry because his club did not realise that the San Diego Yacht Club also needed a copy of its articles of association. Yachts from France, Spain, Italy, Japan and Russia have already been entered. The St Petersburg Yacht Club be-came the fifth official chal-

lenger last week, entering the

Holy Russia. (Reuter)

100 miles

THE BRITISH

CHALLENGE

Pride of Teessid

Heath Insured -

Coopers & Lybrand

at difficult time By PETER BALL THE disarray at the Oval

Surrey lose Seward

increased yesterday when it emerged that David Seward. the Surrey secretary, had resigned after five years in the post. In his place Surrey are expected to follow the example of Lancashire and Yorkshire and appoint a chief executive.

The resignation of Seward follows closely on the club's £1,000 fine for ball-tampering. On Monday, Surrey appointed a three-man committee to investigate the. offence, and the surrounding circumstances.

The composition of the committee - Peter May, the former England captain and former chairman of the England selectors. Kenneth Ohlson, a former chairman of the South East Sports Council, and Sir Alexander Durie -

leaves little doubt of the seriousness of Surrey's approach. The committee will report on October 9, with a statement expected on October 12. As well as the offence itself,

for which Surrey were reported on three separate occasions. the committee will look at the way it was handled internally. The club was at pains to stress yesterday, however, that there was no connection between Seward's resignation and the ball-tampering affair. He is not expected back at the

Oval until Thursday, but the club insisted that his resignation to take up another job had been on the cards for some time, and was handed in before the affair blew up.

Seward is moving to the rather calmer surroundings of

Contract dispute may force Smith to leave

PAUL Smith, the Warwickshire all-rounder, who is involved in a contract disoute. will leave if matters are not resolved by the end of October (Martin Searby writes).

Smith, 28, has scored more than 7,000 runs at an average of 27.16 and taken 240 wickets at 36.24 in ten years at the county and given the dearth of genuine all-rounders in the game, would not be short of offers if he decides to move on.

talks with Dermot Reeve, the new captain. Mike Smith and Dennis Amiss, but we have doing what is right."

not made much progress." Smith said. "I am asking for a three-year contract to take me up to the date when a benefit would be due and their answer is that they give them only to

"They have offered me a listen to any offers that are an ultimatum but a case of

"I have had a number of

Test players.

two-year deal which I have refused because I want to be sure I am on the staff and given a benefit when it is due in 1995. If something is not worked out by the end of October, I shall be able to made. It's not a case of issuing

HOCKEY

New sponsor named for English cup

THE Royal Bank of Scotland, which has supported the national indoor dub championship for seven years, has taken over sponsorship of the Hockey Association Cup, the premier English knockout competition (Sydney Friskin writes). Hounslow, the win-

14.00 GM

clubs from the Pizza Express National League will enter in the third round.

the third round.

FRST ROUND DRAW: East: loswich v Romford: Norwich City v Old Southendrains; Colchester v Lincoln Impa, Brentwood v Spalding, Radbridge v Wisbach; Bluehart v Welwyn Garden City, Bury St Estmunds v Brosbourne; Pelicans v Dereham; Peterborough Town v Luton Town Middends: Wornbourne v Norshampton Salris; Nottingham v Bidowich: Woresser Norton v West Bridgeford; Findhield v John Player; Khalsa (Learnington Spal v Bridgeford; Findhield v John Player; Khalsa (Learnington Spal v Bridgeford; Findhield v John Player; Khalsa (Learnington Spal v Bridgeford; Findhield v John Player; Khalsa (Learnington Spal v Bridgeford; Findhield v John Player; Khalsa (Learnington Spal v Bridgeford; Findhield v John West Wanwchshire. North: Glaco v Swahwel; Blackburn v Aklerley Edge; Liverpool Serlon v York; Sheffield v Durham University; Prescot v Welenfald; RAF v Formby, Harrogase v Distey:

Ramghana v Ban Rhydding, Norton v Prestor, Southport v Knustord; Ramsev (toti) v Timperley.

South: Bracknel v Old Beocehamians; Army v Eastcote; Old Holcombeans v Middleton; Sames v Oxford Hawks, Wolving v Turbindge Welts; Caly of Porsmouth v Beclearham; Winchester v Old Whitgittens; Southgate Adelade v Spencer; Paretram v Wimbledon; Dutwich v Old Walcountians; Basingstoke v Mitton Kaynes, Medicanteed v Worthing; Chachester v Barnes; Hampsteed and Westminds; Chachester v Barnes; Hampsteed and Westminds; V Barnes; Bank Gore Court v Woldingham; Bill v Hendon; Anchorians v Morns Motors; Marlow v Old Taurbiners; Begnor Regis v Richings Park West.

last-eight pool two years ago." Eric Dacoury is Limoges sole survivor from the two matches and the team infpressed Cadle when he saw them play against Villeur-banne last week. "They look pretty good," he said, "They have a lot of talent." are very aggressive and play tough defence. But they are

The meeting between the respective unbeaten joint lead ers of the Carlsberg League and French League may hinge on the confrontation between Carl Miller and Michael Young, Limoges

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new American. Cadle saw Steve Bucknall, a member of his England team? do a sound job on Young for Villeurbanne and believes Miller can do the same.

Hunter: eyeing return

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FOOTBALL

European Cup First round, second leg Leeds (0) v V/B Stuttgart (3) (8 05)... Lyngby (0) v Rangers (2) (7 00) Marseilles (5) v Glentoran (0) (7.00).. European Cup Winners' Cup First round, second leg

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TODAY'S FIXTURES B and Q Cup

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Bracknet HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mossley v Fleetwood Postponed: Horwich W Bishop Auddend. First division: Great Harwood v Lancester City. Presidents Cupt Knowsley v Southport: Warmgton v Manne PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa v Barnsley (7 001: Notim Forest v Sheffield United (7 001; Scoond division: Stackpool v Wigan (7 001; Scoond division: Blackpool v Wigan (7 001; Scoond division: Stackpool v Wigan (7 001; Scoond division: Villa V Burnley (7 001; Scoond of V Villa (7 001; Scoond of Villa (7 001 NORTHERN COUNTES EAST LEAGUE:

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: First round, first leg: Evesham v Cheltenham; Bani v Witney. MEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristof City v Norrich (7.00); Charlton v Crystal Palace (7.00); Ipswich v Brightsm; Odoru United v Totlenham; Southampton v West Harm: Sandren v Southampton v West Harr; Swindon v Wimbledon; Watford v Miliwal Second division: Bristol Rovers v Birmingham; Plymouth v Easter, Torquay v Swanses.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Pontypool v Munster (7.00); Saracens v Loughtorough Students (at Luton RFC, 7.30). RUGBY LEAGUE GREENALLS LANCASHIRE CUP: St Helens v Widnes (7.30). YORKSHIRE SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP: First round: Leeds v Featherstone, Shef-field v Hunslet, Bradford Northern v Watefield Timity.

defending the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup.
The draw for the first round. involving 112 clubs and to be played on October 18, was announced yesterday. The 36

ners last year, will therefore be

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Leeds hope to recover dignity against Stuttgart



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LEEDS United will tonight attempt to achieve a unique feat. In the 37 years of the European Cup, no English club has recovered from a 3-0 deficit, the margin by which they were besten in the first leg of their first-round tie with VfB Stuttgart

By Stuart Jones

POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Their cause seems already to be lost. Even Howard Wilkinson, their manager, describes the prospect as "mission impossible". Leeds promise to go out in a blaze of glory at Elland Road, however, if only to limit the psycho-logical damage to the domes-

Nobody will be more eager to restore their belief and protect their reputation than Eric Cantona, West Yorkshire's most improbable folk hero. The Frenchman inadvertently ushered Leeds towards almost certain elimination seconds before being substituted in Germany a fortnight ago. On his way off with a groin strain, he struck an ill-advised cross-field pass which was intercepted and led directly to Stuttgart's opening

 Cantona cannot be blamed for Leeds's collapse in the closing half-hour but, as Wilkinson intimated yesterday, he is "nurturing a secret wish to make amends for his mistake".

That Cantona can even try to do so is a welcome surprise. "I was resigned to him being out for quite some time," Wilkinson said. "He's come back well and we have a better chance of succeeding with him. He's made a big impact and come to terms with the pace of the English game," Wilkinson concedes that Leeds have yet to come to

European game. Since they won the championship a year or two ahead of schedule, it follows that they are short of the necessary experience and flexibility.

"We are probably not as well equipped as say.

Manchester United have
been. People have suggested that it would have been better for us to be in the Uefa Cup, but you can't pick and choose these things. We have found ourselves in the big pond."

ing can be extensive. By the time Arsenal recovered from

being dismissed from the Arsenal, having drawn 1-1 European Cup by Benfica last season, they had lost all realistic hope of retaining the title, and had been knocked out of both the Rumbelows Cup and the FA Cup.

Aston Villa suffered a similar fate the previous year. Once they had been eliminated from the Uefa Cup by Inter Milan, they won only six more fixtures and dropped from eighth to seventeenth in the first division, a decline which precipitated the departure of Josef Venglos as their

manager. Wilkinson recalled

away in the first leg, and Villa, having won 2-0 at home. were reasonably expected to survive. As Leeds are not overloaded with optimism, they do not have as much, if anything, to lose except their

Only once in 11 European campaigns have Leeds departed in the first round: ironically, when they were at their peak under Don Revie in 1971. Then they suffered the indignity against comparatively unknown opponents, the Belgians of Lierse. England's entrants

left the European Cup at such an early stage on six occa-sions. They were Wolver-hampton Wanderers in 1958, Everton in 1963, Manchester City in 1968. Liverpool in 1978 (albeit at the hands of Nottingham Foresti and 1979 and Forest in 1980.

To avoid joining them to night, Leeds not only need four goals, but they must also prevent Stuttgart from scoring once. Still without a recognisably secure right back, they have kept a clean sheet only twice in their 13

FOOTBALL

Gordon may be forced to sit out tie with Danes

FROM RODDY FORSYTH

OF THE four Scottish clubs facing European opposition tonight, Rangers, alone, have the advantage of a lead from the first leg. Airdrieonians, Celtic and Heart of Midlothian must each overhaul a deficit if they are to be represented in the draw for the three club competitions to be made in Switzerland on

Even the advantage held by Rangers a 2-0 lead over the Danish champions, Lyngby, is slim by European standards but the Ibrox manager, Walter Smith believes it will be sufficient to see his players through in this European Cup tie providing they do not take "I was amazed at the

thought we had only to turn the first leg at Ibrox. Smith said yesterday. "Considering that Denmark won the European championship this sum-mer it seemed a bit silly to write off any of their teams and anybody who saw Lyngby technically good and fast on

the break. They must try to score first against us on their own ground and if they succeed in doing that, we will be in for a very difficult evening. Having said that, I don't expect them to change their style of play very much and they are going to have to open out a bit so we are likely to get some opportunities as they come forward." Certainly the Danes predi-

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cated their strategy in the first eg on frustrating Rangers and they played with only one forward upfield while congest-ing the midfield in an attempt to reduce their opponents' field of fire. Tonight Smith must decide which of his four foreigners — Gordon. Hateley, Huistra and Steven will drop out. The odds favour the exclusion of Gordon despite his excellent display in the 4-0 victory over Dundee United on Saturday. . Celtic, too, must choose

for their Uefa Cup tie with Cologne, in which the Germans hold a 2-0 lead. Al-though Wdowcyk will not play because of a back injury. Bonner, Mowbray Payton and Slater cannot all take part. It would seem that Bonner, who returned to first team action two weeks ago after being excluded for ten months, will sit in the stand while Marshall returns in

There could, however, be a long-awaited return for a native Scot, Nicholas, who has recovered sufficiently from injury to be considered for a place on the bench at Parkhead. Injuries are a serious worry for the Hearts' manager, Joe Jordan, whose side trail Slavia Prague 1-0 from the first leg in Czechoslovakia.

Berry is already ruled out of up to walk away with the fie in tonight's return at Tynecastle the first leg at Ihrox. Smith because of a knee injury and Foster, Mauchlen, McLaren and Mackay are struggling for fitness. It appeared that Rob-ertson would join Berry on the casualty list but the influential forward will almost certainly against us knows that they are be part of the starting eleven.

Airdrie make up the Scottish contingent and will meet Sparta Prague in the Czechoslovakian capital where the visiting manager, Alex Mac-Donald, remained confident in spite of Sparta's 1-0 lead. "We beat Hearts on Saturday when we weren't fancied," he said. "The players were all lifted by that result so there really is no hood reason why we shouldn't repeat it. Even if we lose three or four goals here we will have given it a decent

☐ The French sports minister. Frederique Bredin, has called for the former national team manager, Michel Platini, to be named as joint head of the organising committee for the 1998 World Cup finals in France. Platini, who resigned after his team's European championship failure in Sweden, has made no secret that he would welcome a role in the 1998 finals. Bredin's call came in a brief communique.



for Diego Maradona (above, right) on his return to football. The Argentinian woke up yesterday to find the Spanish newspapers and world media, in general, raving about his first performance for Sevula Munich. Maradona, 31, was in the thick of the action for the full 90 minutes of the exhibition game, against the unbeaten German League

had served a 15-month ban for cocaine use while playing for Napoli.

After a protracted transfer saga, the Spanish club eventually bought him for £4.5 million, a sum which the evidence of his first game. "I lasted 90 minutes and I feel like crying with joy and emotion. I have just against the unbeaten German League buried two difficult years without leaders, which ended his 18 months football," he said. Only the speed

Maradona's contribution to his side's 3-1 win. His desire to be involved, his fighting spirit and superb passing were all intact. It was not long before spectators in the Sanchez Pizjuan 'Curro', the nickname of a leading bullfighter. They took to him instantly, just as Napoli's supporters had in 1984 when he first played football in

Bohemians fail to hold off Steaua

GALATASARAY of Turkey won an ill-tempered first round, second leg Uefa Cup tie against Katowice of Poland in Istanbul yesterday. It was so bad natured that three Polish

players were sent off. A penalty converted by Falco Gotz, a German import, for Galatasaray, who are managed by Gordon Milne, an Englishman who once managed Leicester City, won the tie for the Turks.Earlier, the Turks had earlier gone ahead through Sukur Hakan in the

The Polish players protested

at the penalty decision so violenty that Roman Szewczyk was eventually sent off for arguing with Roger Gifford, the Welsh referee who added a distinct British connection to

Krzysztof Maciejewski made it 2-1 on aggregate — the teams had drawn the first leg 0-0 in Poland two weeks ago - in the 75th minute. Polish chances were completely swept away when Lezlow and Juercaiski were sent off in the closing 10 minutes. Milne now looks forward to the second round.

Vladoju – and Ion Viorel added a fourth five minutes from the end. fought in Aarhus, Denmark.

Police arrested 15 Swedish supporters among dozens who with Turkish immigrants and

were knocked out of the Cup

Winners' Cup after being

beaten 4-0 in Romania by

Steama Bucharest, the former

European champions. The

first leg had ended in a goalless draw. Three of Steaua's goals came in the first

half - two from Alexandru

Andrasi and one from Ion

ran rampage through the town yesterday.

Police said that all the Swedes, in town for the Cup Winners' Cup match between Aarhus and AIK Stockholm. were all drunk. Shop windows were smashed and several cars overturned. Police reinforcements were brought in for the

Dejan Savicevic, the Montenegrin midfielder, will not play in AC Milan's European Cup first round second leg tie against Olimpija Ljubljana tomorrow because he fears for his safety in Slovenia.

TENNIS

Davis Cup world group beckons Russia and Cuba

the Commonwealth of Inde-pendent States and Cuba take over from Yugoslavia in the world group of the Davis Cup next year. "Individual players" rankings will be used to make the changes," Ian Barnes, a spokesman for the international Tennis Federation, said yesterday.

Alexander Volkov and

Andrei Cherkasov, both ranked in the top 30, put Russia ahead of the other former Soviet republics.

The same criteria will be

applied for the other eastern European states which have split up. Croatia will almost certainly replace Yugoslavia in the Europe-Africa Zone, while Cuba replace Yugoslavia in the top flight. Serbia and Montenegro (Yugoslavia) can be included in one of the lower zonal groups only when the United Nations embargo is Barnes said the team

changes would not be announced until the 1993 draw, on October 20, but a "combined" Czechoslovakia would stay in the top world group. This year's finalists, the United States and Switzerland, will be top-seeded for the

1993 WORLD GROUP: Australia, Australia, Brazil, CIS (probably Russia), Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, France, Germany, Holiand, India, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United States:

Gianluca Pozzi, of Italy. took advantage of a 70-minute rain delay to compose himself after a slow start and beat Patrick McEnroe. of the United States, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 in the Queensland open tournament in Brisbane yesterday.

McEnroe was leading 5-2

in the opening set, but after the rain, the Italian returned in a different frame of mind. "I came back more aggressively." Pozzi, 27. said. "I'm probably playing better now than last year, when I won."

In other first-round matches Chris Pridham, of Canada, upset the fifth-seeded Christo van Rensburg, of South Africa, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 and sixth-seeded Bryan Shelton, of the United States, beat Niclas Kroon, of Sweden, 7-6, 6-4.

Jeremy Bates's match against and Roger Smith, of the Bahamas, was postponed until today because of rain. (AP)

Carlos Costa and Sergi

Bruguera, of Spain, the top seeds, lost one set each yesterday on their way to the second round of the Campionati Internazionali di Sicilia in Palmero. Costa, 24, from Barcelona, the No. 1 seed, lost the first set 6-4 to Lars Jonsson, of Sweden, before sailing to a 4-6. 6-1, 6-2 victory. Bruguera overcame his fellow-Spaniard. Jordi Burillo, 6-2, 2-6,

BOXING

McMillan wins backing from British board

COLIN McMillan yesterday moved a step nearer reclaiming the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title he lost on a misinterpretation of the rules at Olympia

last Saturday (Srikumar Sen The British Boxing Board of Control threw its weight be-hind him and John Morris,

the secretary, told McMillan that the board now felt he should still be the champion. McMillan lost his title when the referee and the WBO superviser did not follow rule 11 (I) when McMillan had to

retire in the eighth round of his bout against Ruben Palacio. The rules stated that, in the event of an accidental injury after three rounds, the bout should go to the boxer in front on the scorecards.

McMillan rang Morris to ask him what the board would be doing to help him get the title back. Morris said he would fax

the WBO immediately and ask it to reinstate him as champion

"I talked to the board and. now I've got them behind me. I'm sure I will be champion again," McMillan said. 'After all, it's a miscarriage

of justice. Why should I pay the penalty for the WBO's mistake? You have to abide by the rules to have any

MOTOR RACING

Prost quick to make presence felt ALAIN Prost ended a year's

enforced idleness yesterday and immediately upped the pace of his Formula One comeback (Norman Howell writes). He drove the world championship-winning Williams-Renault round 48 laps of the Estoril track and set the fastest time of the day. The Frenchman was

delighted with the car and the team, even though the session was disrupted by rain. "I am not here to set any special time, just to get to know the car and the team," Prost, 38, said. "The car is so much better

than the Ligier-Renault I drove earlier in the season that it is hard to compare. It feels very comfortable to drive, but I could not push it beyond any limit as I still don't know what

it can do." Prost, who has long been an admirer of Patrick Head, the man in charge of Williams' design and engineering, was full of praise for the team. He said: "We may speak different languages, but Patrick and I speak the same technical language, and that is what

FOOTBALL Uefa Cup

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REAL TENNIS HATRELD HOUSE TC: TRA Catagory C open championship: Semi-limals: I English is T Happer, 6-5, 6-4; J Potter ist M. Michiumagh, 6-6, 6-5. Final: Potter bt English, 6-5, 5-6, 6-3.

PETWORTH: Peneorth House v MCC: M Dryscleis (Pen) bit Whasiley (MCC), 6-1, 6-4; R Lawrence and J Parker (MCC) bit J Coole and W Yeomen (Pen), 6-3, 6-5; D Godkray and M Feinbairts (Per) bit B Sharp and S Leigh (MCC), 6-2, 3-8, 6-5; P Luck-Hille and J Wiseman (MCC) bit Y Adam and P Longmore (Pel), 6-1, 6-3. BILLIARDS

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(Aus), 4-8, 6-4, 6-2.
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CORPORATE **GAMES** BA soar at mid-point of festival

AT THE halfway stage in the World Corporate Games the teams are sorting themselves out in the race for the seven divisional championships (Alix Ramsay writes). British Airways, the largest

team with more than 460 sportsmen, are leading the table with 18 medals, easily ahead of IBM, with 11. Not even John Vinnell's tennis gold at Wimbledon could make an impression on Brit-ish Airways' lead. He brushed aside Simon Glenas, 6-1, 6-2 in the men's open division.
Out at the Southbank

squash centre a battle royal was brewing as Alexander Dennis and Andrew Foley made their way to the finals. Dennis the Malaysian champion, Tin Tan Huat, while Folcy put out the French number eight, Sebastian Lelat, for a chance to take the gold medal. The top three men's seeds

¹a choice."

all made an early exit. The women's competition had a more familiar ring with Chantal Pouget of France Telecom reaching the final to defend her title.

SPORTS POLITICS

Closure of medical centre postponed

THE British Olympic medical centre in Harrow, Middlesex, which prepared many of the competitors for Barcelona and Albertville, was yesterday saved from closure for at least 18 months (John Goodbody

staff members at the centre at Northwick Park Hospital were given warning that the facility could close after the summer Games in Barcelona. However, opposition from some governing bodies, who have used the facility for monitoring and treating competitors, brought the issue in front of the British Olympic Association (BOA) yesterday.

It agreed, without any need for a formal vote, to continue funding Northwick Park until after the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, and also to set up a review group to investigate the workings of the centre which costs the BOA about £400,000 annually to fund.

Although the Sports Council is planning to set up a series of sports medical centres throughout Britain, it is unlikely that these centres

will be ready in time for the 1994 Winter Games.

A spokeswoman for the BOA said: "We will be wanting to dovetail with the centres, and possibly purchase services rather than providing writes). Earlier this year, the 11 them." There is also a clear need for the coaches to be educated about the extensive benefits of sports science and

> Christopher Boardman, the track cyclist, showed in win-ning the individual pursuit gold medal in Barcelona the importance of having available not just technical assistance, but also individual psychological, physiological, and nutritional expertise.

> The voting at the BOA's annual general meeting next month promises to be lively. Craig Reedie, from badminton, is, as expected, unopposed as the chairman to succeed Sir Arthur Gold, who is retiring. But Eileen Gray. the incumbent, Dr Neil Townshend (luge), and Peter Coni (rowing), will all contest the vice-chairmanship, and there are two nominations for treasurer, Robert Watson and Paul Pruszynski.

BRIEF

Nunn on bail after street brawl arrest

Michael Nunn, the World Boxing Association super middleweight champion, was arrested in Davenport, Iowa, on Monday night during a street scuffle involving about 50 people. He was released on \$530 bail after being charged with assault, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. ☐ Richie Woodhall makes his first defence of his Commonwealth middleweight title in

A's have it

John Ashton.

Baseball: The Oakland A's clinched their fourth American League West title in five years on Monday when the second-placed Minnesota Twins lost to the Chicago White Sox 9-4.

Telford tomorrow against

Raiders trail

American football: Before their biggest home gate in 20 years, 77,486, Kansas City Chiefs defeated Los Angeles Raiders 27-7 on Monday night. This left the Raiders with a 0-4 record for the first time since 1964.

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Torpedo Moscow... Manchester United. (Torpedo win 4-3 on penalties)

> FROM DAVID MILLER IN MOSCOW

A MEMORABLE Uefa Cup tie in unrelenting rain here yesterday slid away from Manchester United when they squandered a 2-0 lead in a penalty shoot-out. There are few worse ways to lose, and United had given a perfor-mance worthy of the club's reputation.

They had survived the whole of extra time playing with ten men after Hughes, booked in the first half, stupidly kicked the ball away at a free kick in the final minute of normal time. In such mo-ments of indiscipline are matches lost.

The unfortunate trio who missed penalties, to let Torpedo off the hook, were Bruce, McClair and, with sudden death and 3-3 after five kicks per team, Pallister. No lasting blame should be shouldered by them in this wretchedly expedient distortion of real football. The truth of a fine match, endlessly skilful in terrible conditions, was that Torpedo had fractionally the better of the play. Perhaps. however, United should practice penalties for another time.

If Manchester United deserved to survive, it was primarily due to Peter Schmeichel's save on the hour, as good as he has ever made. from the dexterous but histrionic Talalayev, who should have settled it for Torpedo.

At any stage of the 120 minutes the result could have gone either way, balanced between United's controlled defensive game with intelligent breakaways and the vary-ing but frustrated attacking of Torpedo's youthful side.

The difference between summer and winter football can be extreme: from the World Cup finals, say, of on or Italy evening such as this, a stirring duel in bitter conditions at Torpedo's old-fashioned, treelined stadium skirted by the Moscha river. The floodlights were hazy behind the slanting rain, the autumnal colours of the trees without warmth as the smallish crowd huddled beneath umbrellas. Here was a night for character as much as skill, and in neither were United found wanting.

The last throws of the dice in normal time saw United thrice denied. With five minutes remaining, Irwin crossed low from the left and Webb's



Evasive action: Giggs leaves Moscow Torpedo defenders sprawling during a Manchester United attack in their Uefa Cup tie yesterday

drive leapt back off the foot of the right-hand post. If that was unlucky, in the scramble that followed, the loose ball was unquestionably held by a Torpedo defender on the ground. The Danish referee was unsighted. Moments later came Hughes's indiscretion.

Talalayev, who had been so threatening at Old Trafford and was again so last night. still had one more moment when he made and simultaneously lost a winning chance. enough in extra time, but in the first minute of the second period, Talalayev accelerated into the penalty area. Pallister's desperate tackle brought him down two yards inside, but the referee, no doubt irritated by repetitive diving by Talalayev, ignored what seemed a penalty.

Alex Ferguson, against ex-pectation, decided to include Webb in midfield rather than Robson, but five minutes before half-time. Robson was sent out as an additional midfield player in place of Wallace, who tore a muscle. It

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was Robson's first appearance of the season, and the same was true of Parker, when he replaced Phelan at right back ten minutes into the second half. United now looked particularly solid. The referee did a reasonable job in difficult circumstances. Three men on either side were booked before Hughes was sent off.

In spite of being lightweight, Torpedo were full of imagination, even though confronted by opponents often ball. Occasionally, Torpedo's pace on the flanks got them behind United's back line and it was from one of these that Schmeichel was forced to make his save, Afanaseyev cutting past Phelan to open the way for Talalayev. Schmeichel parried the rasping shot and the loose ball was

fired over by Grishin. In the 63rd minute, a low cross from Giggs had Hughes. on the 18-yard line, hooking a shot which was only just reached by Podshivalov. Webb, who had an intelligent match, was often pressing and it was no surprise when he so nearly snatched the late

When the penalty circus arrived, Schmeichel saved from Borisov and Afanaseyev shot over the bar, Ince and Irwin giving United a 2-0 lead. Then Chuganov and Ulyanov scored while Bruce and McClair missed. Pazimov scored and so did Robson to keep United level but then Pallister failed to emulate Grishin and it was all over.

"At the end of the day you've got to score goals," Ferguson lamented. "It's very disappointing to lose on penalties

Stewart dismissed as Liverpool go through

Appollon Limassol Liverpool . (Liverpool win 8-2 on aggregate)

> FROM IAN ROSS IN LIMASSOL

Liverpool completed their passage through into the last 16 of this season's European Cup Winners' Cup in Cyprus last night, but not without some

An indifferent performance against opponents of only limited ability may have been enough to guarantee victory in this first round, second leg tie. but the Merseyside club's problems continued with the second-half dismissal of Paul

Stewart was sent off in the 72nd minute after slapping Michalis Christophi in the face seconds after they had collided. Stewart could now face a three-match suspension

from European competition. The prospect of attempting to retrieve a 6-1 deficit from first leg of the tie a fortnight before did little to dampen the natural enthusiasm that Limassol had shown at Anfield to help to sustain a limited, if at times productive,

Bearing in mind Liverpool's pedestrian form of late, an early goal by the hosts would possibly have enlivened proceedings. Sadly, constructive playing surface.

However, while the opening quarter of an hour was bereft of chances and instantly forgettable in terms of quality, it challenges, both on and off the

Ioannou set the tone as early as the third minute when he scythed down Burrows to earn himself a booking which he did not contest.

Stewart, restored to the Liverpool side after a threematch absence, was lucky to stay on the pitch when he kicked out at the passing figure of Charalambos Christophi in the sixth minute. Fortunately for Stewart, all three officials either missed the incident, or misinterpreted

what they had seen. The game was beginning to turn nasty, and the underlying feeling of simmering discon-tent was not helped by an incident in the eighth minute when Juras was carried off after being involved in a collision with Walters.

Although McManaman was, perhaps, a slightly unlucky to see his firm drive saved by Michalis Christophi in the 16th minute, Liverpool's football was largely unconvincing, and as the opening half neared its climax. Limassol began to penetrate a hitherto well organised

Grobbelaar, having sur-

vived several uncomfortable moments, was almost beaten the half-hour when Iosiphides's low drive struck

the base of a post. loannoù was the first player was littered with umpleasant to reach the ball as it challenges both on and off the cannoned back into play, but his shot, accurate though it was, was acrobatically palmed away to safety by a vigilant goalkeeper.

As Limassol's sense of frustration began to match Liverpool's indifference, the quality of a wretched game began to plummet. However, as if to make a mockery of what had gone before, both sides scored goals within the space of 90 seconds midway through the second half.

Limassol took the lead in the 61st minute when Spoljaric swept home a Pittas cross, only for Rush to claim his fifth goal of the tie and his twentieth in European football shortly afterwards when he turned in a cross from Hutchison.

Hutchison, Liverpool's outstanding player, gave them the lead in the 69th minute when he showed great confidence in the penalty area to convert a pass from McManaman.

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midfield player, who has also turned out for Carlisle, was

Russia to end their search for a goalkeeper. Ian Porterfield, the manager, hopes to bring Dimitri Kharin, who keeps goal for the CIS and CSKA Moscow, on loan to Stamford Bridge on a week's trial.

French want token black in tour party

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

SOUTH Africa's rugby union touring party had scarcely touched the tarmac yesterday at the start of its visit to France and England before it was embroiled in controversy. It was revealed that, two hours before the flight left Johannesburg on Monday, a request was received from the French Government that a black player should be included in

Given that the squad of 30 was named a fortnight ago the French government, through the sports ministry, left its curious insistence on tokenism a little late. "We were told about it two hours before we were due to leave, which was obviously too short notice," Abie Malan, the team manag-

"Our team is picked on merit. That is the way it has been and that is the way it always will be. We were surprised, to say the least, at the French government's atti-tude." It may be that the sports ministry had in mind that the French contingent which took part in the South African Rugby Board centenary celebrations in 1989 included Jean-Philippe Elhorga, a Col-oured flanker from St Jean-de-Luz, which also smacked of a token gesture at the time. Elhorga was well short of the

required playing standard. Officials of the French Rugby Federation (FFR) refused to comment, although one of them, Jean Montel, said that if the government wanted an addition to the agreed party of 30 players and six officials. the FFR could pay for him. The matter will be discussed in

Bordeaux on Friday between FFR officials and officers of the South African Rugby Football Union whose general manager. Arrie Oberholzer, said: "When South African rugby was unified we agreed selection would be on merit and that is exactly how we have selected this team. The last thing we want is to fly a player over to France as window-dressing. If a player can't make it on ment he will be a hindrance to everyone, includ-

ing himself." Naas Botha, the South African captain, in an interview with the French sports newspaper, L'Equipe, said: "I have taken part in lots of training sessions for young blacks but you have to be realistic. For the time being the best rugby players are white. In the future that will change."

The touring party spent only a short time in Paris before leaving for the first match on Saturday in Bordeaux against the French Espoirs. "This is obviously an historic moment for us," John Williams, the coach, who toured France as a player in 1974, said. Asked about differing refer-

eeing interpretations. Williams said: "You always have to adapt to the way the referee plays it." Both the internationals between France and South Africa, on October 17 in Lyon. and on October 24 in Paris. will be handled by Brian Kinsey, of Australia, while Stephen Hilditch (Ireland) will officiate in the England-South Africa match on November 14 at Twickenham.

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Davies backs her team to lift cup

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

LAURA Davies has assured her European team-mates that they can win the Solheim Cup, which starts at Dalmahoy on Friday, despite a barbed attack directed at them by a member of the United States team.

Beth Daniel, the top player on the United States LPGA Tour on three occasions and a winner of more than 30 tournaments, said: "You could put any one of us on the European side and make it better. But the only Europeans who could help us are Laura Davies and Liselotte Neu-

Daniel's remarks were made in the American magazine, Golf Digest, and Davies, clearly incensed, reacted swiftly, despite fears that a protracted debate might create animosity.

"What Beth has said is a load of old rubbish, absolute nonsense," Davies said. "We will wait and see what happens on the golf course. We've got Flo Descampe, a winner on the US Tour, and Helen Alfredsson, who has just won the rookie of the year title over there, in our team. Anyone who doesn't want them on their team must be fool-

ish.
"I think you can make a case
"I our players for any one of our players improving any team. And from a golfing point of view, there are a few Americans here who I would not want in our team."

In times past, when Edinburgh Castle was under siege, a smoke signal would be sent up to the watchman at Dalmahoy from where the

Aware of affording the vid-

Earl of Morton, the custodian of the castle, would launch a rescue operation. This time, Daniel seems to have lit a fire which could smoulder all

The second Solheim Cup might not quite provoke the "War on the Shore" headlines which the Ryder Cup match achieved at Kiawah Island last year, but it has the makings of an exciting skirmish. The "Duel at Dalmahoy" has only just begun.

Mickey Walker, Europe's captain, felt that Daniel had no justification in making such remarks. "I can't tell you what the rest of my team said can tell you it has made them all the more determined to win. We want to prove to all the Americans how much better we are than two years

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Descampe has made such significant strides that Davies regards her as the best player she has seen. Descampe, whose father owns a golf course in their native Belgium. won the Stratton Mountain Classic on the US LPGA Tour in August.

She is among the top 25 money-winners along with the Swedish players, Helen Neumann. Alfredsson häs secured the rookie of the year award for this year; Neumann won the US Open in 1988.

Kathy Whitworth, the United States captain, will fly home today, following the death of her mother. Alice Millur, winner of eight tournaments on the US LPGA

Chapman pays price for Preston's poor start

sacking season has begun (Louise Taylor writes). Preston North End yesterday dismissed Les Chapman, less than 24 hours after Carlisle United had parted with Aidan Chapman, 44, had been in

charge at Preston for two years after originally joining them

the price for a poor start to the the home defeat to Hartlepool United last Saturday - a result that left Preston 17th in the second division. The post will be advertised nationally and Sam Allardyce, the former Sunderland central defender, will act as caretaker.

Seventeenth is dearly a dangerous position for managers. When Carlisle dropped to that placing in the third division, McCaffery's number was up. Michael Knighton, the Carlisle chairman, acted swiftly to replace him yesterday. David McCreery, the former Northern Ireland, Manchester Uniand Newcastle United

appointed. Chelsea are looking to

FA likely to suspend Jones over 'hard men' video

By LOUISE TAYLOR

VINNIE Jones faces a suspension from football for starring in a video which has created such a furore it seems certain to be a best-seller. The Wimbledon midfield player has confirmed his knack of self-promotion by presenting a film entitled Soccer's Hard Men, described as an unashamed celebration of the

game's wildest exponents". The Football Association studied the tape yesterday and is expected to charge Jones with misconduct today. Suspension, possibly for several matches, seems certain, as do healthy sales.

The publicity promoting

the video, which is fronted by Jones, boasts that it is "the toughest football video in history ... it features bonecrunching tackles, appalling fouls, dreadful dirty tricks and the painful pushes and punches that earned hard men their legendary reputations as the wild men of football folklore".

Jones, 27, has become a wealthy man after spells with Wimbledon, Leeds United, Sheffield United and Chelsea, before returning to Wimbledon earlier this month. His street-credibility and popularity among supporters will be boosted by the secrets he lets slip. He reveals that players apparently offering oppo-nents a helping hand back to their feet often take hold of their under-arm hair and tug. And that professionals have a responsibility to peruse the papers to discover which wives have walked out on their husbands. That sort of thing is great for the verbals; you can really wind people цр." Jones savs.

Wimbledon yesterday distanced themselves from the Vision Video film, which is to be released on October 19. Sam Hammam, the club's owner, described Jones as "a mosquito brain" and said: "It is nothing to do with Wimbledon. He was playing for Chelsea when the video was made and must have had

Jones, a founder member of Wimbledon's original "crazy gang", details how he helped them defeat Liverpool in the 1988 FA Cup final by "taking out" Steve McMahon.

The video's "elite band" dubbed The Dirty Dozen features Graeme Souness, Bryan Robson, McMahon, Billy Bremner, Jack Charlton, Ron Harris, Norman Hunter, Dave MacKay, Tommy Smith, Nobby Stiles, Peter Storey and Jones. Jones is desbribed as "arguably the hardest of them all", but comparing internationals of the calibre of Souness and Bremner to the technically inferior Jones will bruise a few egos.

eo free advertising while needing to punish Jones, David Bloomfield, the FA's press officer, said yesterday. We do not want to give this unnecessary publicity because we are all victims of hype and marketing over content. In reality, the video is a very tiresome patchwork of old football clips. We are still studying it and deciding on

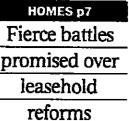
what action to take."/
Players charged with misconduct have always been fined but in this case the FA is likely- to use its power to suspend. Unless, of course, the video inspires an opponent to offer him a taste of his own medicine.

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Going for the big break

How the zapper has brought a revolution to TV

viewing

Pity the poor television advertiser. He fights for our attention, but it is an unequal fight. We turn on our TV sets to watch programmes: he would rather we watched his adverts. And these days the advertiser has something else to contend with the zapper, the remote control. The moment a pro-gramme is finished — or even half way finished — bip! — the selfish viewer turns the tell

off, or over. This is the problem tackie by The Zapper and the Adve tiser, a new study from th Billett Consultancy. The consultancy looked at 1,00 households to find out ho they behaved when the a came on. You could have worked out most of the firm ings for yourself, but there a a couple of surprises.

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Quality viewing: Michael Gambon as Maigret

Eight per cent of people watching the News at Ten do not stay on to hear, after the break about how Harry the Hedgehog got into a pickle; but, unless this is a misprint, 42 per cent of live football watchers flip over during halftime, never to return. People change over half as often at weekends: Billett suggests "this may be due to the different weekend viewing ambience". Or not - they express "some concern" over the accuracy of their results.

The recommendations are unusual, though, and could change the face of television. "Perhaps now is the time to remove programme credits," Billett say, their logic being that most people switch off when when the credits come on. anyway ... a bit like a biscuit manufacturer announcing that it will no longer make the first and last biscuit in a pack because they always get broken. An alternative would be to move end credits to a position immediately before the following programme. Billet believes that ITV could increase the number of viewers aged 16 to 24 if it stopped end-credits and end-break advertising. This is fine for the advertisers, not so fine for the viewer who wants to make a cup of tea between

programmes.
"We also wonder whether a sensible change would be to increase the advertising minutage for centre breaks during peak hours and a reduction in end-break minutage." So, this could be the future: a brief pause for breath between programmes, but a massive slice of adverts during them. The advertisers will get you yet.

NICHOLAS LEZARD

What will the Danes do now?

As their prime ministers prepare to meet,

Alice Thomson takes two twin town views

identity problem in Britain. Many British people would not be able to tell you the difference between Denmark and her Scandinavian and her between Denmark and her Scandinavian and her between Denmark and her Scandinavian and her Scandinavia navian neighbours. Until this year few in Britain had ever thought about Denmark. Those who did probably saw our North Sea neigh-bour as a low-profile, thatched roofed, half-timbered fairytale idyll inhabited by happy-go-lucky

Now the country known predom inantly for its butter, bacon and beer might help decide Britain's future. The arrival of the Danish prime minister, Poul Schluter in London today will be the subject of unprecedented media interest. With the Conservative party split on Europe and the French having voted to ratify the Maastricht treaty, John Major's European policy has essentially become. "Wait and see what the Danes do".

The Danes narrowly rejected the Maastricht treaty in their referendum in June but will be given a second referendum next year. Mr Major hopes to use

the breathing space to give him time to reconcile the divisions within his party. He has also made clear that if the Danes vote no again Maastricht as it stands will be dead for the British. Both countries are unhappy with Maastricht, but are they unhappy about the same things? St Albans, in

Britain, and Odense in Denmark. have been twinned since 1948 when representatives from Odense were invited to attend a St Albans pageant at the suggestion of Count Scheel, a citizen of Odense who had lived in St Albans for many years. Although

Odense, population 150,000, is larger than St Albans, they share many similarities. Both cities thrive on their history, Odense being the birthplace of Hans Christian Andersen and St Albans the third largest Roman city in Britain. They did well in the 1980s with the introduction of light industry and the growth of service industries but now suffer high unemployment. So how similarly do these twins

feel about their role in Europe? On a Friday lunchtime in Odense everyone was already leaving their offices for the weekend. "The Odense people are not as fast as Copenhagen's. We enjoy life and

have a relaxed time with our friends eating drinking and playing sport. We are normally very happy golucky. The majority of citizens here voted no in the referendum on Maastricht because they were frightened of change," said Barbara Whitmarsh, the executive manager of the tourist board before

heading off for her summer house.
"Most people are contented here. The social policies are the best in Europe. We have free hospitals, shorter working hours, good unem-ployment benefit and we don't want them eroded by Brussels." According to Ms Whitmarsh, her

female friends feel particularly strongly about this issue. "We have opportunities, paternity eave, free creche systems and over 80 per cent of women work," she said. "If we have a closer European unity we risk getting sucked down to other countries' levels. If 1 am going to vote yes I need to know that Brussels isn't going to erode our social security system. Hanne Buchardt was picking up

her children from school. She is a

school for children aged from five

to 16, and voted yes in the last

referendum. "The British are an

island people. We are part of the

Continent," she said. "Many of the

people in Britain seem against the

principle of Europe, whereas we are against the details. I do not agree

with much of Maastricht but I want

to stay in the EC as a full

participating member."
By six o'clock in the evening most

residents were milling around the

cobbled city centre enjoying the

autumn sunshine. Flemming

angry at the way the EC is heading. "The Germans and the French are acting very arrogantly. The idea of Europe is to be a strong counterpart to America and Japan. It is not to further the aims of the Germans and French. They are only interest-ed in dominating a federal Europe," he said, waving a copy of the Politiken, a national newspaper, which has the front page headline "Arrogant Germans". "I want Europe to concentrate on common environmental standards rather than a common currency and to pay attention to the little countries," he said.

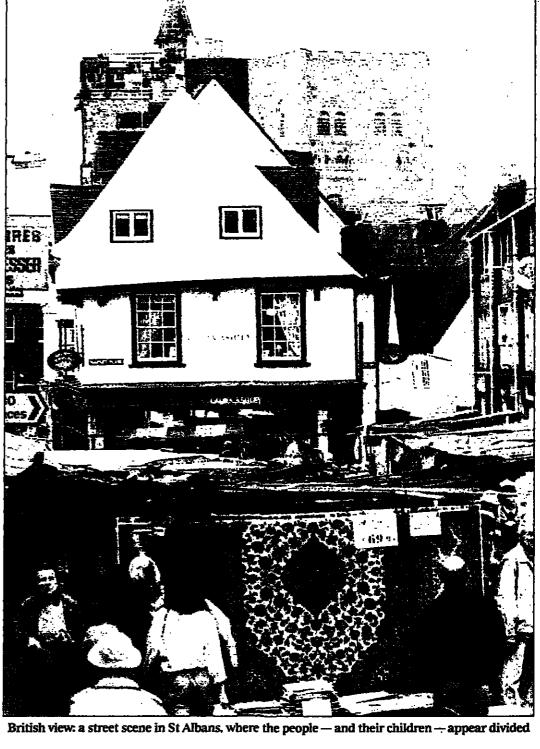
In the evening I went to dinner with Melle and Leif Nielsen, who own an engineering consultancy company and are just beginning to expand into eastern Germany. Europe must exist and co-operate together to avoid any more wars," Mr Nielsen said. "We need a wide union so that we can bring everyone together and they can still keep their own identities. A two-tier system is dangerous. It will encourage super-countries." Mrs Nielsen agrees but, like many Danes, does not want a com-

mon defence policy. "The Danes are do not like the idea of having to send men to Yugoslavia," she said. The next day the

market was packed with people picking up bargains. Al-though the economy is doing well in Denmark, unemployment is high and there are 8,000 unemployed in Odense. Lizzie Hasler has been unemployed for four years but she er union will help and voted no in the referendum. "My husband is British and my sister is married to a German. 1 feel very European but I went on a trip to

Brussels with my workers union and I thought 'this isn't really what Europe is about. This is just bureaucracy and politics.' Europe should be about ideas, culture, the environment and trade, not about petty rules and regulations. I think more people in other countries are beginning to think the same way."

She hopes that Britain stays in Europe. "But you can't compare us with Britain. We have totally different political systems. You have low taxes and a belief in working for yourself. We have high taxes [the top rate of income tax is 68 per



unemployed get £500 a month." In St Albans the effects of the recession are obvious. For Sale signs clutter the pavements and many of the high street shops are empty. The people are still tentatively optimistic about the future. Most are just confused about the choices. Unlike the Danes, who were all sent leaflets explaining the Maastricht treaty, many British do not know what it entails.

"I can't see why we need to get involved with all these European arguments. As long as the Americans keep buying our Rolls-Royces and the Europeans our vegetables we will be all right," said Cathy Malvern, a trainee hairdresser who was walking her dog over the old Roman ruins. "My parents want to keep out of Europe because they say interest rates will come down." Sam Mullins, the director of

museums in St Albans, took me on a tour of the city. "I am pro-Europe but I think that Brussels has done a very bad job at selling itself. All this nonsense about the right kind of

off," he said. "I don't know enough national identity." She is proabout the technical details to know if Maastricht will work but I don't think that Britain can afford to be

The pupils of St Albans High

School for Girls have devoted a week to discussing Europe. "The older children were mostly very pro-Europe," said Jenny Longbourne, the head of languages. "Once they understood the jargon, they saw it as a great potential for jobs and for Britain. It was the younger ones who were easily frightened by the possibility of losing their telephone boxes, their black taxis and their Europe but wants Mr Major to be given enough time to work out a sensible solution for Britain. "I don't think the government could have acted any differently during last fortnight's crisis. But I don't feel it is a good idea to express dislike for Germany. It is much more useful to try to act together as partners, even though we may feel

At the end of their week of discussion the children of St Albans High debated the motion, "Have the Danes got it right?". It was carried, just.

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Jørgensen is an economics student centl and the people are looked at Odense university. He is staunchly pro-European but is after by the state - even the cheese and sausages has put people Honestly and truly, I had a lovely time

n the new Penguin Book of British Comic Writing, published last Thursday, there is a short autobiographical essay by Elizabeth Bowen called "On Not Rising to the Occasion". I recommend it highly, especially if your memory of childhood etiquette disasters is still so vivid it makes you feel like running to the hall and burying your face in an Auntie's funny-smelling coat. Elizabeth Bowen's childhood was an Edwardian one, so she had proper guidance in suitable behaviour (she probably did not innocently repeat the word "git" in company, as I did), but she still misjudged it sometimes in a very particular way: she "overshot the mark". "Thank you, Mrs Robinson, so very, very much for the absolutely wonderful LOVELY party!" she would say. "Well, dear," her hostess would reply with a frigid smile, "I'm afraid it was hardly so wonderful as all that."

My own experience of childhood parties was a little different, since I felt awkward in the society of children and generally slipped out during pass-the-parcel to ask Mrs Robinson whether I could help with the washing up — which surprised her, especially if we hadn't eaten yet. "No, you go and have a good time," she said, mystified, pushing me out of the kitchen with her leg. Thus, when it came to going home time, I did not embarrass her with my effusions; I merely cried with relief. "Lynne tried to help with the washing up," she would inform my older sister.

tapping her forehead significantly.

"Funny." said my sister loyally.

SINGLE LIFE: Lynne Truss on the

pitfalls of going over the top

'She doesn't do that at home." But I still managed to overshoot the mark in other ways. At the age of ten, for example, I went to a party where a game of forfeits was played you know, where vou are given a task, and the penalty for failure is to kiss a boy. When my turn came (and I had been led back to the games room by a kind but firm Mrs Robinson, who declined my wild-eyed offer of silver-polishing) I was informed

that my task was to recite a poem. A limerick would have easily sufficed. But I was nervous, and desperate not to kiss a boy, so I launched into "The Highwayman", a long, galloping poem which unfortunately galloped off with me clinging on to its back, bouncing and helpless. In fact. I had got as far as "Tlot-tlot in the frosty silence!" before the exasperated kids finally flung themselves bodily in front of my runaway poem, waving their arms.

to make me stop. Overshooting the mark in Elizabeth Bowen's sense is actually quite difficult these days, now that we have followed America into a more kissy-huggy-touchy-feely way of life. Saying merely "Thank you for the absolutely wonderful LOVELY party!" sounds tame, actually, it raises

didn't enjoy it. In when Woody Allen's film Interiors came out. I remember that it seemed genuinely peculiar to see women greet each other with "Hey! You look great! Your green is per-fect!" while plant-

ing smackeroos on one another's ear-rings. Nobody I knew behaved like that. But now I don't know anybody who doesn't. In fact nowadays, if someone neglects to applaud my green, I actually worry about it afterwards. But what Elizabeth Bowen's

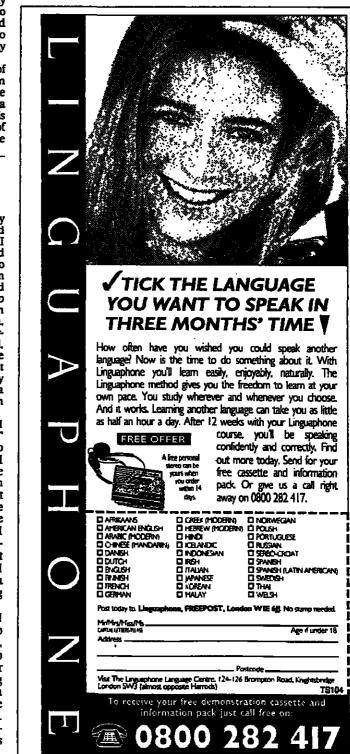
essay brought to my mind most horribly was not the thank-you-forhaving-me thing; or even the social smackeroo. What it made me think of most was Selfridge's. Because one day, when I was in the basement there, I quite unwittingly overshot the mark, and I still feel embarrassed about it. It happened quite by chance; I had only popped in for some diamante cat collars. But then I noticed this poor old bloke on a carpet-tiled plinth demonstrating a cordless travel iron, and I'm afraid it was The Highwayman all over again.

The trouble was, his little crowd was so unresponsive. "Now, you see this?" he said, without much entingsiasm, producing a bone-dry knot-

ted lump of cotton velvet. Nobody moved, or indeed acknowledged his presence, so I piped up. I couldn't help it. "Gosh," I chuckled encouragingly, "I wouldn't want to iron that!" He gave me a look, then gravely un-knotted the velvet and flourished his little iron over it — to amazing effect. Suddenly the cloth was smooth and lovely! Again, nobody clapped, or even mur-mured. So I said quite loudly "Well, I think that's quite remarkable. I've never seen anything like it. What an extraordinary device. I only came in for these cat-collars and a whole new world has been revealed.' And I got increasingly voluble, I

don't know why. "That's amazing," I said flatly, as his crowd started to wander off. "Do that again. Wow, I can't believe how those creases are coming out." I felt I was doing him a useful turn, although I couldn't help noticing that by the time the demonstration ended I was the only person left. "Thank you." [said warmly. "That was marvellous," and went off to pay for the cat collars. And when I looked back. I noticed he was pointing me out to a sales assistant, who was patting him gently on the shoulder. Only when I got home did I

realise I had overshot the mark so badly I had sounded like a "plant". by which time it was too late to apologise. Damn. I often wonder how close I got, actually, to being clocked over the bonce with a miracle travel iron. It would have been such a pointless way to go. Whatever the merits of this extraordinary velvet-smoother, it was hardly so wonderful as all that.



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GAMBLERS: Oleg Menshikov, Mark Rylance, Phil Daniels in superbly staged production of Gogol's "sting" drama Tricycle, 269 Filburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm 100mins Final week

■ HAMLET: Alan Rickman in lasonating voice dominates a generally low-tey production Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354), Mon-Sat, 7,30pm. 195mins (Sold out for complete run

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☐ IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks of Cooney farce with lots of laughs Playhouse. Northumberland Avenue, Wc2 (071-839 4401) Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sat, 8,30pm, mat Thuis, 3pm, Sat, 5 30pm, 135mins

JUST UKE A WOMAN (15): Julie Walters falls for her transvestite lodger. Prosac romants comedy With Adman Pasdar, director Christopher Monger Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574)

MY FATHER IS COMING (18) Experiences of a German girl trying to make it in New York Sweet, generous aims to sexual sub-cultures, directed b

◆ PATRIOT GAMES (15), Harrison

Ford's family comes under attack from an IRA cell. Absurd theller from Tom Clancy's novel. Anne Archive, Patrick. Berght; director, Philip Noyce. Barbican (071-638 8591). Camden

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SWOON (18). The Leopold and Loeb

murder case, explored from a gay perspective. Highly seductive and stimulating first feature by American video artist. Tom Kalin. Camden Parkwray (071-267 7034; Metro (071-437 0757)

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18) Leos Carax's hymn to Pans and a puni

burn's love for a young artist going blind. Terrific in spurts, Dens Lavant,

Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743)

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SECRET FRIENDS (18): Alan Bates secure i Pricerus (13) Alan Bates cradis up under the stan of writer-director Dennis Porter's sexual obsessors. Hombly tedous MGM Tottanham Court Road (071-636 6148)

NEW RELEASES

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Heather Alston

century mitenors and also boasts a new century miteriors and also boasts a new gallery and concert half. Sutton House, 2 and 4 Homerton High Street, London E9 (081-986 2264), Gallery Wed-Sun, 11 30am-5 30pm, house Wed and Sun only, same hours MARC ALMOND: The second night of melancholic pop grandeur as the sequinned artist offers a retrospective of his career. Albert Half, London SW7 (071-589 8212), 7 30pm.

ROSEMARY LEE: An unusual dance nt takes place in the Midlands light when Rosemary Lee — a preographer noted for her sitethe specific projects — presents the specific projects — presents the premiere of Ascending Fields at Fort Dunlop, just off the M6 outside Birmingham. The production takes place in the 84 acres of the disused type. in the \$4 acres of the disused tyre factors, a sin-storey Edwardian edifice which Lee describes as an "industrial cathedral". The 100-strong cast includ a handful of professional dancers and musicans but the bulk of the participants will be local amateurs, some with no dance training at all. Fort Dunlop, Dunlop Way, off Chester Read, take sunction 5 off M6 Yonight to \$4, 8pm. Further information on 021-236 2392.

021-236 2392 BLODEUWEDD, WOMAN OF FLOWERS: Start of Actors Theatre Company's national tour of the Welsh

THEATRE GUIDE

of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III ■ THE MADNESS OF GEORGE III
Nigel Hawthome is very fine as the
stricten lung in Alan Bennett's
intrigung, sightly puzzling play
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SEI
(071-928 2252) Tonighi-Sat, 7 30pm,
mat today and Sat 2.15pm, 170mins
Final performances

☐ THE MADRAS HOUSE: Roger Allam heads a strong cast in Granville Barker's proto-feminist, senous cornedy, set in a fashion house. Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2 30pm, 180mins. ■ MEDEA: Diana Rigg gives a cool, distancing interpretation in Europides's distancing interpretation in Europides's revenge drama. Almeida, Akrieda Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ PHILADELPHIA, HERE I COMEI: Bhan Fnel's affectionate comedy of an insh emigrant and his carping after ego. A revival to be chenshed. Wyndham's, Charrig Cross Road, W.C2 (071-867 11161 Mon-Fri, Rpm, Sat, 8 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm, 140mins. SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION:

Stockard Channing as the not New Yorker transfigured by a black con artist in John Guare's fine play on artist in Julia clause's line play by human inter-dependence Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 10451 Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed. 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 90mms. SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH

OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, James McDaniel and Miccower, James McDanier and Stephen Rea as Berut hostages in Frank McGunness's new play. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mais, Wed, 2 30pm, Sat. 4pm, 140mins. ☐ VALENTINE'S DAY: Shaw's You

play about the flower-bird creature of love and menace, dramatised from the Mabringian by Saunders Lewis, controversal co-founder of Plad Cymru First English-language staging Shemman Arena, Senghernydd Road, Caroff (0222 230451) Opera tonight, 8pm; then Mon-Sat. 8pm

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Company and Confederacy of Fools
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of the "Vivomen in Danger" season. The
play looks at physical and psychological
disability through the relationship
between a main, played by Richard
Reeves, and a woman, played by
Kathenne Shannon, as they learn to
trust each other
Theatre Museum Studio, Russell
Street, WCZ, 1071-836 C3300: Opens
tonight 7 30pm. Tues to Sat. 7 30pm,
peopless BMCV Of THE BRIMGE.

PERRIER PICK OF THE PRINGE SEASON: Three weeks of goodies from the Edinburgh Fringe Including Emily Wood's exhibitanting adventure: "seachanging" in Spain, Sex III 7: 30pm); and 1992 Witners Steve Coopan in character with John Thomson presenting all-too-recognisable moder types (9: 15pm). Purcell Room, South Bank, SEI (071-

Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8300) Toroght, Fn, Sun SPAM: The London premiere of Panis Performance Association's nev Performance Association's new production, Sparn, takes place tonight The company comprises of five men who aim to look at contemporary culture through live performance. Sparn is about a game: the player, the spectator, the team and the individual

speciator, or a same and a same all play a part.

BAC, Lavender Hill, London SW11
(071-223 2223) Tonight to Sat, 9pm.

nearly every enjoyable quality subtracted. Globe, Shaffesbury Avenue, WI t071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 150mins

☐ A WOMAN KILLED WITH KINDNESS: Michael Maloney and Sadua Reeves in an Elizabethan domestic tragedy packed with telling

detais. The Pic, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7,15pm, 180mins. Final performance. ☐ WOMEN LAUGHING: Michael Wall's subtly comic and poignant drama of husbands going crazy. First rate

performances Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554) Mon-Sat, 7,30pm, 150mins ☐ A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: Philip Prowse's triumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social melodrama

laced with wit. Theatre Royal, Haymari et, SW1 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 165mins. LONG RUNNERS: \(\tilde{

Uneker: Duchess (071-494 5075)

☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lync (071-494 5045)... ☐ Good Rockin' Tonite: Prince of Wales (071-489 5971)

I Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat: Palladaum (071-494 5037)... ☐ Me and My Girt: Adelph (071-487 6711)

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

v BATMAN RETURNS (12): Quirty but ho-hum sequel, best when the spotlight falls on Michelle Pferfier's electrifying nan Michael Featon, Danny Carwonan Michael Readon, Danny DeVito, director, Tim Burton. Empire (071-497 9999) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Painton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ BOB (ROBERTS (15): Lively spoof documentary about a right-wing folk-singer's dirty battle for a seat in the U.S. Senate Enterprising directorial debut by actor Tim Robbins Gate 1071-727 4043) MGM Chelsea Gate (071-/24 3443) McGm Chesses (071-352 5096) MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons Haymarket (0426 915656) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366) UC Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ HOUSESTITER (PG) Goldie Hawn moves into architect Steve Martin's dream house and poses as his wife. A few bright spots; mostly very trying. Director, Frank Oz. MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772)

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6279/379 7025) ◆ A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN (PG): Boisterous, clichéd salute to warture's all-gur baseball learns. Geena Davis, Tom Hanks and, inconsequentially, Madonna, Director, Penny Marshall MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM

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• THE PLAYER (15) Dazding satire on Hollywood, directed by Robert Aliman from Michael Tolkun's novel. Tim Robbins as the studio executive who kills a writer; plus carrieot galore.

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CINEMA

How Columbus discovered the big screen

Eighty years on, David Robinson looks back at the spectacular film debut of the man who,

all the critics agreed, was bound to go far

headline in a leading film trade A journal calls it "The Greatest Ever". "Described as a historical view of incidents in the life and discoveries of Christopher Columbus." the review continues. "the magnificent visualisation ... is in a word the finest picture ever yet made, and one of which mere words absolutely fail to convey the remotest idea of its

The film in question is neither the Gérard Depardieu version of Christopher Columbus, not the rival production with George Corraface and Marlon Brando. Not even Carry On Columbus. The review in fact appeared just 80 years ago: and the film - the first of generations of Columbus pic-tures — was called *The Coming of* Columbus.

The public and film industry alike were astounded by the film's ambition and spectacle. It was 45 minutes long, when most pictures still ran no more than 15, the length of one reel. The cast numbered 350. The reported cost of \$50,000 was unprecedented.

The man behind this sensational enterprise was "Colonel" William Nicholas Selig, an archetypal figure from the movies' buccaneering first days. As a youth in the 1880s he had toured the West as a conjuror, then run a minstrel show, for the purposes of which he conferred on himself the military rank he claimed till the end of his career.

In the late 1890s he counterfeited other people's moving picture inventions and marketed the result as the Selig Polyscope. He was one of the most prolific film producers before the first world war. Though his headquarters remained in Chicago, he estab-lished the first studio in California.

His enterprise sometimes verged on the unscrupulous. In 1909 ex-President Theodore Roosevelt embarked on a much publicised African safari. Piqued at not being allowed to send a cameraman with the expedition. Selig hired a Roosevelt impersonator. dressed — or undressed — a posse of unemployed Chicago blacks to look like African bearers, and bought a somewhat second-hand lion.

Before Roosevelt had even landed in Africa. Selig had staged the safari in the studio. The man who sold him the lion was appalled when, in the cause of realism, the animal was slain by the Roosevelt actor, who turned out to be a bad shot and had several attempts before the unfortunate creature died in agony. The black bearers then skinned it before the cameras.

The unsuspecting public were, how ever, thrilled by Roosevelt in Africa, and the film returned its \$1,000 investment many times over. After this, Selig invested in a whole collection of wild animals, and the Selig Zoo became one of the sights of Hollywood.

The Columbus picture was to be his biggest single enterprise. L The idea was inspired by the full-scale replicas of Columbus's caravels, the Santa Maria, Pinta and Niña, which the Spanish government had bequeathed to the Chicago Park Commission after the Great Columbian Exhibition of 1893. Much of the cost of the film went on making these seaworthy, and towing them out into Lake Michigan. Stormy conditions delayed shooting, which finally began on August 27 1911. The film was completed early in 1912.

The critics lauded the reality of the scenery and the naturalness of the acting (the stars were Charles Clary as Columbus and Kathlyn Williams as Queen Isabella). In his quest for authenticity Selig had even borrowed Columbus's original log book, which was visible in the cabin scenes.

For the first presentation, a special musical score was compiled by Samuel L. Rothapfel, who, as "Roxy" later became the greatest builder of picture palaces in the United States. In London the film was launched with the accompaniment of a choir and a sextet. Selig's greatest publicity coup was to

First sight of land: Charles Clary as Columbus in Selig's 1912 film

present a copy of *The Coming of Columbus* to Pope Pius X, through the mediation of a missionary. Father Tonello. Since the Pope had previously forbidden priests to visit the cinema, on account of the immorality of motion pictures, his acceptance of the gift was a significant recognition.

The Pope told Tonello: "It is my great desire that this wonderful invention should become a school of truth, of high education, of morality, of social and domestic virtues and of real benefit to humanity and religion." He hoped Selig would have every success with the film, and wished "to encourage him to make other films of such historic and moral value".

For the infant cinema, battling for respectability and recognition, the Pontiff's words were manna. The trade press devoted pages to the incident, with large pictures of the medals Pope Pius had sent to Selig, and descriptions of screenings in the Vatican, where "many eyes were moist".

The Coming of Columbus arrived at a crucial moment in the evolution of the movies. Apart from this substantial bid for social and educational respectability, it helped to establish the star system and the multi-reel "feature"

The critic of the British Kinematograph and Lantern Weekly declared that this was "a historical monument which will enlighten the world for centuries to come".

The achievements of "Colonel" Selig himself "entitle his name to be handed down to posterity as the most potent factor in education America has ever known". Inevitably this was not to be. As the closing title of The Coming of Columbus itself reflected sadly, "Sic transit gloria virum". After the premiere, this Latin tag was deemed too highbrow, and it was altered to "So goes the Glory of Man". In the long view of history it all amounts to the same for "Colonel" Selig and his wonder film.

LONDON CONCERTS

Sounds of a less familiar England



Svetlanov: eastern European perspective on English music THE knowledge that Elgar abandoned his Catholicism as part of a conscious drive to achieve the social respectability he craved may well add to our understanding of the particular anguish and nostalgia of his music. Already in 1899, as he started work on the oratorio The Dream of Gerontius. Elgar was concerned whether its strong whiff of incense would jeopardise its reception and hence the

advance of his career. Just how much the music itself reflects the sentiments of the text is thus a moot point. How differently would we hear the work if the poem had been, say, a historical romance rather than Cardinal Newman's Purgatory-inspired text?

Bringing an east European perspective to bear, Yevgeny Svetlanov, conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Festival Hall on Saturday evening, suggested that one can approach the work in a non-mystical spirit without undue loss of spirituality. Svetlanov's reading of the work was characterised by a late-Romantic glow. with moments of high drama (including an apocalyptic crash at "Take Me Away"). The opening Prelude was

beautifully sculpted, and demonstrated

the kind of animated phrasing that

Philharmonia/Svetlanov **BBCSO/Davis** Festival Hall

was to inform the whole performance. There was some surprising ragged ensemble in both the orchestra and the normally dependable Philharmonia Chorus, though the professionalism of both bodies ensured that that did not seriously mar the proceedings.

More disconcerting was the contri-bution of Dennis O'Neill as Gerontius. Invoking his famously well-nourished Italianate tone rather than paying any attention to the drama (religious or otherwise) of the text, O'Neill gave a shamelessly ill-prepared, uncommitted read-through of the part. Head buried in the score, he showed no interest either in the audience or in the sense of the ooem, "I will address him", says the Soul of the Angel in Part Two. before launching into an impassioned acclamation. It is obviously an aside, but you would not have known it from

O'Neill's all-purpose heroic ring. David Wilson-Johnson's glorious Priest and Angel of the Agony was sung with infinitely more intelligence;

so, too, was Jard van Nes's Angel. National characteristics were also an issue in the first concert of the BBC Symphony Orchestra series, "The British Line", the following evening in the Festival Hall. Andrew Davis conducted not only Vaughan Williams's most bellicose, least typical symphony, the Fourth, but also Steve Martiand's Babi Yar, a work as far from the pastoral English tradition as it is

possible to get. The title refers to the Nazi death camp in the Ukraine, which stands as a metaphor for man's inhumanity to man. The savage, rhythmic jabs, dominated by brutal brass and percussion, of the first 20 minutes suggest some exquisite form of torture, particularly when the bombardment seems several times to have finished, only to start up again with renewed vigour.

The force of Martland's statement cannot be denied, but the point is made with a barbaric insistence that is itself as heedless of reason, logic or form as the totalitarian oppressor. The ending offers not so much "fragile hope" (the composer's words) as blessed release from the aural treadmill.

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Peculiar practice makes perfect

hen Andrew Davies was young he used to shoplift Looking halfashamed, he recounts the heart-thumping excitement of pinching rather splendid pens and exercise books. "I didn't do it with other kids. I did it in this really Raskolnikovish sort of way, mixed up with fantasies about myself as a lonely, bold adventurer.

He gave it up eventually, when he found himself about to steal a book called Ethics, but remained fascinated by his own criminal impulses. Now, years later, inspired by Kingsley Amis's dictum that rich literary pickings exist for authors who take an aspect of themselves that worries them and push it to its conclusion. Davies has channelled these impulses into B. Monkey, a gripping tale of a graffiti-spraying, gun-toting girl robber addicted to the rush that comes from dealing, thieving and living on the edge.

It is his second novel. The first, Getting Hurt, was published to sparkling reviews a few years ago. as was a subsequent book of short stories. Dirty Faxes.

But while Davies may be only just inching into the limelight as a novelist, there is another field in which he is already firmly established. He is currently, indisputably. British screenwriting's hottest ticket. the "King of the adapters", as one television executive puts it. Think of a recent, memorable television drama and the chances are Davies wrote it. A Very Peculiar Practice (now A Very Polish Practice). Mother Love, House of Cards, The Old Devils and Anglo Saxon Attitudes are all part of his canon.

"He is funny, truthful, direct and never bland: I'd commission almost anything with his name on it." says Nick Ellion, head of drama at London Weekend Television, who is working with Davies on an adaptation of Pride and Prejudice. which the writer once notoriously promised would put sex into Jane Austen and show a nude Mr D'Arcy taking

A wiry ligure dressed in black. with piercing blue eyes, a shock of white hair, an infectious laugh and a nice line in self-deprecating humour. Davies does not come across as a bodice-ripping sex fiend. Nor, clearly, has he allowed plaudits like Elliott's to go to his head. He chordes with delight over invitations from both Euston Films and Mark Shivas, the BBC's head of drama, to Andrew Davies has put youthful follies

to good use in

his novels, as he tells **Lisa O'Kelly**

the Writers Guild awards, where he was nominated for two prizes: "I feel like a deb with too many suitors."

Davies, 55, has waited a long time to be so gratifyingly sought after. His first television play, Who's Going to Take Me On?, about a typist in a knicker factory, was broadcast in 1967. For the next 20odd years, he combined screen-writing with his job as a lecturer in Warwick University's teacher train-ing department. "Well, you could hardly call it a job; I sat in my room and every so often 12 very pleasant and agreeable young people would come in to chat."

The big-time eluded him until

'Not many people write well about sex. but I do'

1986 when his own hilarious creation. A Very Peculiar Practice. which pricked at the pomposity of the medical profession, won great acclaim, followed by the sinister Mother Love. "Soon, I found myself turning down script conferences in Stockhoim because I had to take a third year seminar, and I thought it must be time to take the plunge." So four years ago he resigned, treated himself to a vintage Mercedes, and became a full-time writer.

"I suppose it would be better for my career to specialise in either fiction or drama, but I enjoy doing both." he says, pointing out that he is not alone these days, with names like Malcolm Bradbury. David Lodge and John Mortimer also sharing their talents between the small screen and the printed page.

Davies the novelist finds screenwriting a useful discipline. "It teaches you to be economical, that you don't have to go on and on. describing the whole bloody room when one small detail can convey far more." His long apprenticeship has also helped make him a master of dialogue. "Adapting. in particular, has been good for that. It gives you a deep-seated sense of what works, what sounds real."

Some writers, like Mary Wesley, whose Harnessing Peacocks he has just adapted for Meridian TV, and Angus Wilson, who wrote Anglo-Saxon Attitudes, write such "per-fect" dialogue that Davies just finds himself copying it out, "But you get others like Michael Dobbs [House Cards] whose dialogue looks alright in a novel but sounds terribly stilted if anybody tries to speak it. You have to reinvent the way some

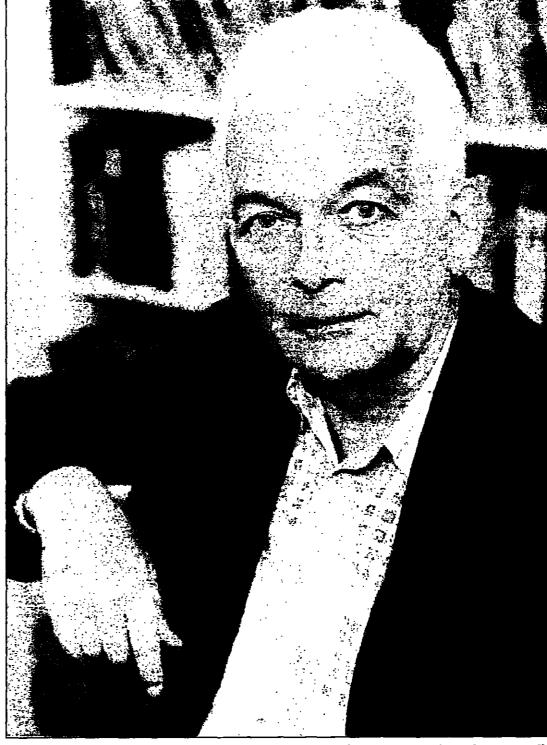
Taking such liberties with other people's books requires a certain arrogance, and Davies admits that. beneath the self-deprecating jokes, he has considerable confidence in his own abilities - especially when it comes to the S-word. "Not many people write well about sex, but I

do," he says matter-of-factly.

The subject certainly comes up a fair amount in whatever Davies is writing about, be it Jane Austen, the House of Commons or the streetwise B. Monkey, who appears naked in bed on page one of his new novel. He sees nothing untoward in this: "Sex is very important to me. But then, I would have thought it is to everybody. I cannot think of anyone I know who would not rate sex as one of the top three things they think and worry about, so I am always surprised more writers don't attach more importance to it."

In his judgement, the only contemporary writers who tackle sex convincingly are John Updike. Maggie Gee and Jenny Diski. Perhaps it is fear of failure which prevents others trying. "It can be blushmaking." Davies acknowl-edges. "When I first started doing it felt very trembly and quite shy. I thought people might be laughing behind their hands saying, 'so this is how he thinks it's done, blimey, why didn't anybody tell him!"."

Because B. Monkey is a woman, Davies tested her sexual fantasies on some close female friends before committing them to print, but the responses varied so much he decided to go on his own gut feeling. He explains, "I heard William Boyd say he checked out Brazzaville Beach lalso written from a woman's point of view very carefully with women



Andrew Davies: firmly established as a screenwriter, now inching towards the limelight as a novelist

friends to make sure he was getting it absolutely right. I was mostly taking a flyer at it, getting this heady sense of 'this is what I would be like if I were a girl, take it or leave it'. That is part of the great pleasure and excitement of writing."

However, anyone worrying that Davies plans to invent sexual fantasies for Elizabeth Bennett can stop now. "All I plan to do is find a way of expressing the tremendous sexual energy in the book and to emphasise the physicality of the piece. But it will be done through allusion and atmosphere, anything more explicit would be absurd."

As well as Pride and Prejudice. Davies is working on Middlemarch for the BBC, but he wonders how long he will continue to get commissions like these. Classic adaptations rarely draw large audiences and the pressure to achieve high ratings is

up the

country

n the five years since Dwight Yoakam last

played Britain, there has

been a revolution in country

music. On the one hand, populist entertainers such as Garth Brooks and Billy Ray

Cyrus have brought country to

the heart of the pop main-

stream, while on the other,

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successfully taken a left-field

approach to reach a more

Yoakam, who turns 38 this

month, was around before any

of them, and although he has thoroughly alienated the Nashville establishment, he

remains the performer best

equipped to translate the au-

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His performance at Hammer-

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combining hard country swing with all the glamour

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intensifying on every channel. "I think there is a real danger this is leading programme makers to be afraid to be off-putting or controversial and that is very sad because that is where the energy comes from. Unless we are allowed to be adventurous and experimental, drama will become synthetic and formula-

■ B. Monkey, by Andrew Davies is published by Lime Tree, £14.99

ROCK: Dwight Yoakam at Hammersmith Odeon

ARTS BRIEF

Moore space

WHILE Henry Moore's legacy becomes the subject of ever more bitter dispute in his homeland, Canada's magnifi-cent collection of the Yorkshireman's sculptures is benefiting from a vast expan-sion programme. In Toronio on January 24 next year the Art Gallery of Ontario home of the Henry Moore Sculpture Centre - will re-open with no fewer than 30 new and 20 renovated galleries. The £30 million scheme will increase the gallery's exhibition space by 60 per cent. Toronto has 131 of Moore's 900 sculptures, as well as 73 drawings and 689 of his

Stage and screen THE Royal Opera House has signed a deal said to be worth £10 million with the Japanese

electronics company Pioneer. A new company. Covent Garden Pioneer, will film at least 20 operas and ballets performed by the Royal Op-era, Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet in the next five years. The Royal Opera House will receive royalties from sales.

First into the can will be next month's Otello with Placido Domingo and Kiri Te Kanawa. The new company has also bought distribution rights to ten old BBC films of Covent Garden productions. dating back to the 1900s and featuring Nureyev, Fonteyn, Sutherland, Carreras, and Domingo. Jeremy Isaacs, the Opera House's general director, said: "It is the intention to establish the world's leading collection of recorded opera, ballet and gala perfor-

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AS YOU might expect from the title, the events in Gogol's play Gamblers, ending its run at the Tricycle, Kilburn, on Saturday (071-328 1000). centre on the thrills of wager ing vast sums on the fall of a card. This stylish production really goes to town in these scenes, where playing cards come spraying off the stage in all directions. The play has a classic "sting" plot and is exhilaratingly played by a cast led by Oleg Menshikov, Phil Daniels and Mark Rylance.

OPERA: Fidelio revived at Covent Garden

In for a long stretch of porridge



Gabriela Beňačková: the voice for Leonore in any house

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his is the production of Fidelio in which Florestan sings "Gott! Welch Dunkel hier" lying in a bright shaft of sunlight. Time is sometimes merciful. All I remembered of Adolf Dresen's 1990 staging for the Royal Opera was that it was dull, the sort of thing that a competent staff producer might whip into some sort of shape.

Alas, that has not happened: it has been faithfully reproduced in all its pristine limpness. The dungeon scene in particular is staged with the sort of ineptitude that would get a first-year drama student

Worst of all is Dresen's rewriting of the dialogue, based on the false premise that the original is unplayable. In fact it is extremely carefully crafted. cunningly enmeshed with the musical numbers, full of resonantly memorable lines (most of them cut by Dresen), and raising issues that are blandly passed over in the revised version. Is the excision of Florestan's wine, for example, and with it the sacramental metaphor, made on grounds of ideology or ignorance?

Motivation is muddied, and spoken and sung text do not

Much too young at art

Hilary Finch is not convinced by the first public concert

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What was surprising, though, was the middle-aged, lacklus-

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ity this week of the reworked plot - based on an assessment of Pizarro's prison by the ministry in Seville - proved too great a temptation to an opera house that is itself being assessed. But seriously, that this text and this production should be seen twice in a major

opera house beggars belief. Understandably, given the circumstances, the cast could do little to fill out their roles. Gregory Yurisich has it in him to be an outstanding Pizarro. but he was left with too little straw for brick-making. He had been unwell and an announcement craving indulpowerfully in the first act, and started to sound tired only towards the end.

unter Missenhardt's inky bass was just right for Rocco, but most of his character was on the cutting-room floor. That Lymon Atkinson's Jacquino was so damp was possibly not his fault.

Admittedly, it is not easy to play Beethoven's opera-comique in so large a house: both Glyndebourne productions have demonstrated this conversely. Marzelline, for inalways go in the same direc-tion. Maybe the sheer topical-sing right out, which Judith

of Tchaikovsky's Fourth Sym-

phony. But this was an extraordinarily colourless

performance: ensemble and

cueing were simply not safe

Howarth did with bright tone but inevitable lack of light and

Gabriela Beňačková, though, has the voice for Leonore in any house. The sound is consistently beautiful. plushy, round and warm, and there is an athleticism to her technique fully equal to the near-superhuman demands Beethoven makes on her. But she is a placid performer: not for a moment could you believe that this woman was on a desperately dangerous mission driven onwards by both individual love and universal compassion — not that she has much encouragement in Dresen's Fidelio.

There was a hint of verismo to Thomas Sunnegardh's Florestan. This, you felt, was how a man might sing if he had been in solitary confinement for two years: you might not however, want to spend £100 to listen to the result.

Jeffrey Tate chose sensible speeds for a "big house" Fidelio. and whipped up plenty of excitement as well as shapely phrasing from a responsive orchestra. The chorus, under Terry Edwards, was on excellent form. Musically, all was not lost.

RODNEY MILNES

One of the main problems is precisely one of the LP's own boasts: that of treating all members as professional musicians. Aged between 17 and 23. most of them are not. While guidance in the financial and legal aspects of professional life is doubtless invaluable, without better musical guidance — working, at the very least, with authoritative, experienced conductors - there will be no

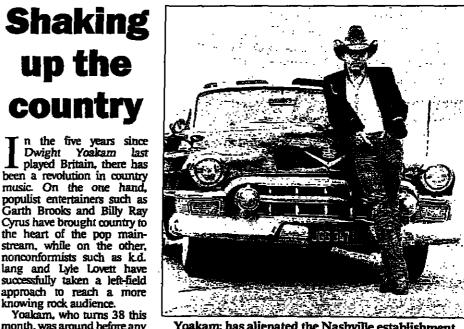
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ries of this exercise. If they are not, however, made the primary beneficiaries, they might as well disband tomorrow. Audiences, after all, have

upbeat rock 'n' roll show. His entrance was more superstar than Dame Edna. Resplendent in a rhinestone-studded, cropped black jacket. skin-tight black leather trousers and the inevitable acoustic guitar and cowboy hat, he snaked on from the wings With legs and pelvis slowly twisting like rubber bands, he somehow contrived to reach the microphone without moving his feet.

acked by a compact B five-piece band that in-corporated the traditional textures of fiddle and (occasional) accordion along with a hard-hitting rhythm section and longstanding guitarist Pete Anderson's deep southern twang. Yoakam pushed the set along at a brisk canter. Although his languid Kentucky drawl and an unwelcome surfeit of echo from the mixing board put paid to any hope of deciphering the words, his voice retained its

marvellous nasal timbre. Several times Yoakam's blatantly sexual gyrations and "white trash" hillbilly vocal mannerisms harked back to the memory of Elvis Presley. most notably during a tomp-ing take of "It Only Hurts When I Cry". But he went over



Yoakam: has alienated the Nashville establishment

extended to 28 november

the top during a high-rolling version of "Little Sister", and, even as an encore, "Woolly Bully" was an irredeemably crass choice of song.

But then Yoakam has never set out to be tasteful, and such reservations paled beside the consummate professionalism and sheer exuberance of the overall show. Certainly when he hit his stride on nuggets

such as "Streets of Bakers-field", "Honky Tonk Man" and "Guitars, Cadillacs", he was mean, moody and magnificent. The crowd, which was liberally sprinkled with rowdy Americans, reacted like extras in a rodeo scene, leaping about and waving their own hats in the air.

DAVID SINCLAIR

cial comedy

its forthcoming concerts in the spring. It is hardly surprisfirst time on Sunday at the Festival Hall. enough to do anything but tiptoe interpretatively. The Galanta introduced some accomplished soloists, particu-larly Sarah Miller, principal clarinet, who later redeemed a ing that, given his age and The evening's soloist in Leon Gee. 23, graduated Tchaikovsky had more colour, but the tints were badly experience, little profundity of Mozart's Piano Concerto No last year from the insight and considerable tech-9 was this year's BBC Young Birmingham Conservatoire. nical insecurity was on show. crude and edgy performance blurred. The strings were hard Musician of the Year, Frederick Kempl. His still essentialput to pick up a single phrase with unanimity, and Gee seemed to have little underprivate. small-scale musicianship drowned in distanding of either orchestral rection which provided him with no well-defined context. balance or the relationship of one tempo to another. The young members of the With youth orchestras, na-LPYO, many of them sensitive tionwide, playing as they have never played before, the individual musicians, are clearly not the sole beneficia-Lady Victoria Leatham will open the Fair at 12 noon 30th September. will have to acquire PARK LANE HOTEL considerably more vorsprung

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sions.

undreds of actresses are expected at Berlin's Theater am Kurfürstendamm later today to audition for the role of Marlene Dietrich in a musical about her life due to open in April of next year. Called Where have all the flowers gone, the play will feature 25 songs associated with Dietrich built around a book by the English writer Laurence Roman and will be directed by Terry Hands. Produced by Germany's leading theatre impresa-rio, Friedrich Kurz, the show will run until "at least the year 2000".

Aspiring Marlenes will have no difficulty researching the role because, four months after her death in Paris, Berlin abounds with tributes to Dietrich. Some of the city's top performers are staging a recital of songs and readings in her honour on Saturday, an exhibition in the East Berlin suburb of Weissensee focuses on her early film career in Berlin, and she even makes a brief appearance in the controversial 'Ufa Revue" about showbusiness in

Hitler's Germany. Saturday's tribute, called "My name is Marlene Dietrich . . . ", was first conceived by Helmut Baumann, artistic director of the Theater des Westens, as a civic memorial service to coincide with Dietrich's funeral in Berlin in May. He maintains that the event was cancelled because of a lack of organisation and an unwillingness on the part of official bodies to pay for it. But he admits that a series of letters to Berlin newspapers condemning Dietrich as a woman who turned her back on her

country, wore the uniform of the enemy and made her career in the United States may have given the impression that the civic authorities were bowing to public pressure in cancelling the

Baumann has incorporated some of these anti-Marlene letters into Saturday's tribute, saying these protests are part of the nature of the relationship between the star and her country. But he insists that there is no widespread hostility towards Dietrich in Germany and that nobody of any consequence feels any resentment about her war record.

He is probably right, although the awkwardness surrounding her funeral in Berlin revived memories of her visit to the city in 1960 when she was met by protesters carrying placards reading "Marlene go home" and "Traitor to the

Dietrich herself often described it a love-hate relationship: "They are angry with me firstly because I

Theatres in Berlin abound with tributes to Marlene

Dietrich, reports **Denis Staunton**

because I didn't come back after the war and thirdly because I came

But Dietrich's own personality may have been the source of much of the confusion between herself and her country. The feminist writer Alice Schwarzer believes that the title of one of Dietrich's best-known songs, "Ich Weiss nicht zu wem ich gehöre" (I don't know whom I belong to), could serve as the leitmotif for her life. "She never wanted to decide: between Germany and France, between trousers and skirts, between men and women, between her husband (whom she never divorced) and her

lovers," Schwarzer says.
In the same way, Germany could

Four months after her death, German hearts have softened towards Marlene Dietrich

never decide how it ought to view her - as a Berliner who made good in Hollywood, as a cosmopolitan film star, as a woman who fought with the enemy or, as one news-paper put it when she died, "our conscience on two long legs". Her own ambiguity seemed to encour-age the public to project onto her any image they chose.

She put this ambiguity to creative use in her two post-war "German" films, Billy Wilder's A Foreign Affair, in which she played a Nazi nightclub singer, and Stanley Kramer's Judgement at Nuremberg. where she took on the role of a German general's widow. She said: "Had I been in Germany during the Nazi years, either development would have been possible - the negative or the positive. That's why I play both types. They reflect the

ing audience, she was not thought of in her own country as an especially German actress, partly because most of her best-known films were made in English and, with the exception of Der Blaue Engel, her earlier work is almost unknown.

The exhibition, "Marlene Dietrich: from Weissensee to Hollywood", is an attempt to reclaim Dietrich for Berlin, documenting the films she made in the city in the 1920s, most of which she chose to forget later. It also focuses on her Prussian upbringing and her rela-tionship with her family and includes poignant photographs of Dietrich's meeting with her mother at Berlin's Tempelbof Airport in 1945. Frau Dietrich apparently shared her daughter's disdain for her fellow Germans during the war and, as the bombs fell on Berlin, complained: "How awful it would be to be buried with all these fools."

From the moment they came to power, the Nazis had tried to woo Dietrich back to Germany, declaring that it was inappropriate for Germany's greatest star to live abroad and to perform in a foreign

When she took out American citizenship in 1937, the Nazis blamed the corrupting influence of "the Jews of Hollywood" but Goebbels, obsessed by Hollywood's superiority over Germany's own Ufa Studios, felt her loss keenly. Ufa lost most of its best talents during the 1930s, leaving a "B Team" led by the Swedish diva Zarah Leander to churn out the harmless romances and light comedies favoured by Nazi cultural policy. Even Leander deserted Ufa in 1943 after a

bomb exploded in her garden.

fleeing to Sweden and confessing that she had been "a political idior" The Theater des Westens would have us believe that Ufa between 1933 and 1945 represented a golden age for German show-business and it has built a "Ufa Revue" around the catchier songs of the period. It is a highly accomplished, slickly staged show, hugely popular with the public, but it has been condemned by critics as a glorification of the culture of the Third Reich. Helmut Baumann hotly denies such charges, insisting that most of the people who do not like the show are over 60, old enough to remember the Third Reich: They don't want to be

the way we play with history."

Amid the giant swastikas and elegant SS officers which decorate the stage of the Ufa Revue, a Although Dietrich is unmistak- Marlene Dietrich lookalike makes a "Germany - never again", Dietrich and we want to show it now."

reminded of it and they don't like



A love-hate relationship: the Germans could never decide how to view Marlene Dietrich

Marleen" dressed in the uniform of the US army. It is an arresting moment, a reminder, in the words of a wreath at Dietrich's funeral, of 'the other Germany" which she

Despite her famous remark at the end of the second world war. ably German to an English-speak- brief appearance singing "Lili welcomed German reunification Mariene Dietrich: from Weissensee to

represented.

saying, "I hope so much it's not just a unification on paper but in their

hearts too." Four months after her death, German hearts have softened towards Dietrich. In the words of Baumann: "Her passing has made us conscious of what she was to us Hollywood is at the Stadtgeschichtliches Museum Weissensee until the end of

Mein Name ist Marlene Dietrich ... is at the Deutsches Theater on Saturday at

Bombenstimming — Ein Ufa Revue is at the Theater des Westens every night at 8. Sag mir wo die Bhumen sind opens at

Oldfield. It is sufficiently re-

markable that both he and

Torgun Birkeland, playing

Helena, could perform among

the rigorous physical tasks set

them by Fabre, such as climb-

ing on to a tower of white

The drama is played out

against Fabre's usual bright-

blue silk scheme, the backcloth

and costumes laboriously scribbled over with Bic. Fabre

wishes to capture the mysteri-ous quality of the first light of

day and the effect is indeed

achingly romantic. Fabre

terms his performers "warriors

of beauty" and the physical

graces of the female dancers

are hardly accidental, nor is

the strong erotic undertone. Black bikinis and muscular

nudity are Fabre's forte, and to

see his troupe of scantily dad

women crawling face down

across the stage, or dimbing into heavy armour, is undeni-

With the Troubleyn trilogy.

ably, enjoyably provocative.

plates to sing.

man and As a garden in this setting, together with his 1987 piece, New Sleep.

Theatre du Châtelet, 2 rue Edouard Colonne (010 331 40282840), Oct 21, 22, 24, 26-28, 7.30pm, mat Oct 25,

● PARIS: Chekhov's play The Cherry Orchard (La Cerisaie) will be directed by Stephane Braunschweig for the Centre Dramatique National de Gennevilliers next month. A former student of Antoine Vitez, Braunschweig, who is not yet 30, is noted for the stark intensity of his productions, especially those of his

Théâtre de Gennevilliers, 41 avenue des Grésillons. Gennevilliers, Paris (010 331 47932630). Until Oct 18

own company Theatre Mach-

● STOCKHOLM: A Baltic Music Festival looks at the musical life of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania inside the Nordic countries. There are con-certs by the National Philharmonic of Lithuania (Oct 21), the Estonian SO (Oct 22); and the Riga SO (Oct 24). Stockholm Concert Hall Foundation, PO Box 7083, S-103 87 Stockholm (010 46 8

221800). Oct 19-25. • STRASBOURG: The focus of a three-week contemporary music festival is on the littleknown composer Giacinto Scelsi, one of the post-war group of Italian composers. and the British composer Sir Michael Tippett whose international reputation has risen greatly in recent years; much of their work is heard in France for the first time at this festival. The programme also offers the French premieres of works by Benedict Mason, Harrison Birtwistle, Pascal Dusapin, Heiner Goebbels, James MacMillan and Magnus Lindberg. Information and Reserva-tions: (010 33 88521010).

Until Oct 10.

stage the trilogy's final part.

KARI KNIGHT

OPERA: The recent premiere in Germany of part two of Jan Fabre's Troubleyn trilogy reveals a new drama and passion in his work Eagle-eyed vision majestically scribbled

Tan Fabre once handed revolvers to four American critics and told them to shoot him if they so hated his work. Many have subsequently regretted their rare failure of critical nerve. Fabre is probably the most reviled man in contemporary theatre. A stocky. 34-year-old Belgian, he has been accused of being a crypto-fascist, an anarchist, a bully and a fraud.

Yet two weeks ago the audience of the Kassel Staatstheater were on their feet in acclaim for the world premicre of his latest production. a full-scale opera of grandiose ambitions and a typically obtuse title: Silent Screams, Difficult Dreams.

These who only know of Fabre through his notoriety, such as his eight-hour spectaele The Power of Theatrical Madness that caused fistfights, demonstrations and a near riot when presented at the Albert Hall, might be surprised, even pleasantly, by the tenor and intention of his latest work.

The opera, which brought the contemporary art show Documenta IX to a fitting close, was in fact the second part of Fabre's planned tril-

ogy, given the overall name of The Minds of Helena Troubleyn. The first part, entitled Das Glas im Kopf wird vom Glas (roughly translated as "The Glass Inside the Head Was Glass"), was premiered in his hometown, Antwerp, in 1990, and was met with

Few have doubted Fabre's visual genius. He works al-most exclusively with the humble blue Bic Biro, creating silken waterfalls of an incredible azure hue, and is also a lighting designer and choreographer with an innate sense of contemporary style.

But the essential motor of

his aesthetic is systematic repetition: gestures and acts are repeated again and again until they acquire their full symbolic weight. This can be both hypnotically rewarding and numbingly tedious. Most of his previous works operated to the monotonous arpeggios of synthesizer doodling. Fabre views the Helena

Troubleyn trilogy as deliberately Wagnerian in scale and mythic resonance, so it is appropriate, and fortunate, that on this occasion he recruited the services of a real composer, rather than some



Mystical moments: Torgun Birkeland as Helena in Silent Screams, Difficult Dreams

modish young minimalist. Both Troubleyn operas have been composed by Eugeniusz Knapik, a Polish composer who studied with Messiaen and Gorecki, the cult Polish revisionist. Knapik has pro-

mountains there is now a

duced scores for Fabre that are not only dramatically convincing, but also emotional if not spiritual - dimensions that have been notably missing from Fabre's range so far. If the score borders on late

festivals dedicated to the nat-

ional cinema of a neighbour.

markets: Dinard is a classy

Dinard and British films

form a natural partnership. The town's sheltered beaches and

gentle climate attracted British

aristocracy from the turn of the

century when it was dubbed la

delicatessen."

For four days last week the

Mahler, a dash of Schoenberg and a topping of Lutoslawski. it is still a notable achievement, and matches fully the power of Fabre's vision. The libretto, by Fabre, is

Across the Channel, to see the best of British

FILM: Richard Gilbert reports from Dinard in northern France where a

taking the customary bow. but instead of getting an overture the audience waits in tense silence until, with flapping and cracking overhead, a giant eagle flies down across the auditorium to land on the shoulders of the hero, "The Boy with the Moon and Stars on his Head", sung with

Silent Screams begins with the conductor of the Kassel orchestra, Frederic Chaslin,

rather less rewarding, a myste-rious melange of folk tales and

magic motifs, a sort of crazed

personal mythology. The central theme of the trilogy is

apparently represented by the

image of an eagle killed by an

arrow made from his own

feathers. The whole drama

seems to take place in the

dreams of Helena, whose per-

sonality is split into varied parts and who is clearly under-

going some sort of breakdown.

really matters, because Fabre

and Knapik have fashioned

something so majestic, so per-

verse and decadently rococo,

that the images and the music.

and their sumptuous conjunc-

tion, provide more than

enough in the way of immedi-

But of course none of this

Fabre and Knapik are hoping to prove there is a way forward from the so-called "designer opera". Fabre, modest to the last, would like to see Bayreuth

ADRIAN DANNATT

new European glut film festivals in the summer and autumn months. Forty years ago an enthusiast was restricted to Cannes, Edinburgh and Venice. Now devotees of the silver screen can choose between hundreds of film festivals on different themes. With a strong stamina and a generous supply of eye-drops to cope with viewing films from morning to

Too many of these European filmlests" share the same problems — how to achieve a distinct identity and attract worthwhile new films. The elegant French resort of Dinard in north Brittany seems to have resolved this dilemma. It is the only major festival in France devoted exclusively to British cinema. Indeed it is one of the first European

night, a devotee can now com-

mute from Budapest to Sitges,

from Utrecht to San Sebastian,

from Edinburgh to Venice.

from Viareggio to Cognac.

remarkable festival pays tribute to the British cinema, past and present ville des anglais because of the fine houses built by wealthy visitors from across the sea.

third annual Dinard Festival du The irony of a French town paying tribute to British cinema. French, Dutch and Russian co-Film Britannique attracted a greater concentration of British present, was not directors, producers, actors and screenwriters than can normally lost on the be found in any single location guests or the in Britain. Dinard is doing for thousands of independent British cinema locals who what Deauville further up the crowded into French coast achieved for Amer-Dinard's cineican blockbusters a little earlier mas to see the in the month. But as one French 40 films being producer remarked: "Deauville projected. One and Cannes are film hyper-

The deal was set up by the time coffee arrived French critic, impressed with the vigour of the onstrated how new British filmseven new films in the main

terms 'cinema' and 'Britain' " -

makers are prepared to expericompetition, admitted that the notorious damning words of François Truffaut some years ago - "There is a certain incompatibility between the

Marlowe's Edward II demment and move away from the naturalism and realism that prompted Truffaut's original

Films like Sally Potter's risk-

haal's

adaptation

production), Ste-

phen Gyllen-

prize-winning

novel Water-

land and Derek

Jarman's inter-

pretation of

After a tussie, the Anglo-French jury awarded the Grand

Prix to Edward II (not yet seen in France although a prize winner already at Venice). The Prix du taking version of Virginia
Woold's Orlando (involving Public, chosen by local Dinard cinemagoers, selected the sumptuous but self-indulgent Orlando. confounding British guests who expected Neil Jordan's taut and unpredictable new thriller. The Crying Game, to be the popular choice. Tilda Swinton, Graham Swift's star of both Edward II and Orlando, had therefore a remarkable double success at the festival, and she was at Dinard

to see the two films acclaimed. The French were introduced to new aspects of British cinema with a selection of films made by black directors under the ironic umbrella title of "I'm British But...", accompanied by a forum on ethnic cinema.

The compact scale of Dinard enabled film-mokers, distribu-

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tors and writers to meet formally and informally to exchange ideas and proposals. Two years ago in Dinard a British filmmaker met a French producer over platefuls of local oysters. and a European co-production deal for a script called Prague was set up by the time coffee arrived. Appropriately, that film, conceived in Dinard, was shown at this year's festival.

New films were supported by retrospectives on Peter O'Toole, Sir Peter Ustinov and veteran Ealing comedy producer Michael Relph. While jury-member Juliet Stevenson commented that seeing four new films in a day at Dinard made her appreciate the qualities of new British cinema, fellow juror Joss Ackland had reservations about the repetitive themes of sexual identity in too many of the films: "It's a curious reflection of contemporary Britain. Where are today's big screenplays and the directors who can leave their signature on every frame?" (



Fand award: Tiida Swinton in Edward II

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Shulamit Aloni, Israel's volatile education minister, has been put under

armed guard for her own protection

A t first glance it is impossible to equate Shulamit Aloni's kindly features with the venomous descriptions of the harridan whom many Israelis have grown to hate. In spite of the blonde curls, blue eyes and ubiqui-tous beaded necklace, Mrs Aloni, a lifelong civil-rights campaigner and now the country's education minister, would probably rank alongside Yassir Arafat and Saddam Hussein in an Israeli

popularity contest. The source of controversy is Mrs Aloni's continued feuding with the country's religious establishment, which depends on the education ministry to maintain funding for Jewish schools and seminaries. In the eyes of the rabbis, the final straw came last week when she ridiculed the biblical account of the creation of man and lamented the fact that Darwinian theory was not taught. "Man has already gone to the moon, while here we still tell our children the world was created in

six days," she said.

Even Prime Minister Yitzhak
Rabin, who appointed her in July,
admitted last week that most of his time recently has been spent as a "fireman" putting out the flames of controversy fuelled by Mrs Aloni's outbursts against the country's ultra-orthodox community and the right-wing nationalists.
This week Mrs Aloni was under

armed guard at her home north of Tel Aviv, following death threats from irate countrymen. She is experiencing growing criticism from her supporters and cabinet colleagues, who have effectively forbidden her from making any public pronouncements.

By Western standards Mrs Aloni's views would be regarded as merely liberal, but in the polarised and male dominated world of Israeli politics she is reviled as a dangerous fifth columnist. The odds were stacked against

Mrs Aloni, aged 63, a former lawyer and the leader of the leftwing Meretz party and the champion of Israel's liberal secularists, even before she took up her first cabinet post.

The level of hatred was summed up by Rabbi Shmuel Deutsch, who likened the extermination of one million Jewish children by the Nazis to Mrs Aloni's secularist education programme which aims to curb religious teaching in schools and give a more rounded educamake a sinner out of a child than to kill him," he wrote in the Orthodox newspaper, Yated Ne'eman.

True to form, Mrs Aloni, has not been deterred from taking on Israel's institutions, one after the

other. Her first assault was against teachers, who she accused of "moral slackness" for their threatened industrial action. She then questioned the practice of sending teenage israeli pupils to visit Nazi death camps in Poland, arguing that Israeli youth was being indoctrinated.

Although these remarks were permissible for an education minister, the political tempo was raised further when she delved into the area of defence and foreign policy. First, she compared undercover units of the Israel Defence Force sent to apprehend Palestinian gunmen with "executioners". Then she repeated her long-held belief that the occupied Golan Heights should be returned in their entirety to Syria, remarks published while the territory's future was being negotiated at the Washington peace talks.

In most Western countries controversial comments on religious education could easily be over-looked, but not in Israel where the religious parties can still make or break a government, a point brought home to Mr Rabin last week when the ultra-orthodox Shas party with six Knesset members threatened to quit the government and reduce its majority to one seat unless Mrs Aloni was removed. The Israeli leader had his nose further put out of joint when she told an Israeli newspaper in her most recent interview that he was prepared to withdraw from all of the Golan Heights, a comment which contradicted his stated policy of limited territorial concessions

ast Sunday, in response to the Shas party threat, Mrs Aloni was called to a meeting with Mr Rabin and other Mereiz ministers. She emerged with her portfolio intact, for the time being at least. However she has been served notice that she must make a break with her two decades as a strident critic of the establishment.

"Her statements are no different than they were in opposition, but today journalists are around her all the time and she must understand that she has to change her approach and avoid saying things which anger people." Avraham Poraz, a fellow Meretz member of the Knesset, said.

Although she appeared chastised after her meeting, Mrs Aloni is still only half-repentant. "I am a woman who arouses controversy. she said in her last interview befor her self-imposed vow of silence. " I want to air things. I opened the windows and things are not only coming in but also going out."

RICHARD BEESTON



In deadly earnest — Millais's Ophelia: the death of a beautiful woman, wrote Edgar Allan Poe, is unquestionably the most poetical topic in the world

Death is a fatal attraction

cies cast television and poster commercials for private health insurance, they always choose to show a woman in a hospital bed or undergoing the latest in hightechnology probing. This is odd. because many families only subscribe to private health treatment for the male breadwinner - an insurance policy against loss of income. But the agencies' research showed that men cannot bear the thought of themselves as ill, with the implication of loss of power and

The cover of Elisabeth Bronfen's book. Over Her Dead Body: Death, femininity and the aesthetic, is decorated with a supine woman, dearly gone from this world, with a demon perched on her chest. Dead women. Ms Bronfen says, are an icon of our culture, quoting Edgar Allan Poe, who wrote, in 1846, that "the death of a beautiful woman is. unquestionably, the most poetical

topic in the world". Think about the representation of women and death in art for a moment and the images crowd in: the Lady of Shallott depicted in Tennyson's poem and by Elizabeth Siddall, wife of the artist Rossetti, in the painting; and Rossetti's disinterring of his wife's body when he wanted to retrieve the poems he had buried with her. Millais's Ophelia: the hanging of the hero-ine in Tess of the d'Urbervilles: Dante descending into hell to reclaim Beatrice: the suicides of Madame Bovary and Clarissa (and the villain Lovelace's attempt to steal the latter's corpse and embalm it so he will possess her forever - a dead woman as a permanent object of desire); the death of Little Nell: Snow White, to all intents dead in her crystal casket: the poet Sylvia Plath whose death has become an industry for literary biography. And above all, Marilyn Monroe. whose passing only served to

The cultural silence hanging over the iconography of dead women has been ended by a new book, Linda Grant reports

heighten our fantasies since once she was dead, Ms Bronfen argues, she could act as a cipher from which we can spin ever new

She was. Ms Bronfen says. "in ecstasies" when she saw the opening scenes of David Lynch's TV series Twin Peaks, which begins with the discovery of the corpse of

Palmer. around which the entire 26 episodes revolve. The movie version failed, she believes. "because the public aren't interested in the live Laura Palmer*. As work progressed she found so many examples of the aestheticiswomen and their etherealisation

removing from them the possibility of feeling or desire so they become insensare objects of male fantasy - that she was amazed nobody had written on the subject before. In contrast, images of women as killers

with guns (as in films such as Thelma and Louise) are regarded as tremendously dangerous.

Ms Bronfen is in London to address a two-day seminar on death being held at the Institute of Contemporary Arts this weekend. The subject faces a similar taboo in our century to the one that sex suffered in the last. In person Ms Bronfen is neither ethereal nor sinister, with no evidence of morbid preoccupations such as those of the

girl in Huckleberry Finn who was forever writing poems about funer-

Her long black hair is ever so slightly Cruella De Vil or the lady from the Addams family, but her interest in death has a more serious and personal context. Her father. American Jew. went to Germany at the end of the second

Fantasy: Sleeping Beauty, a symbol of desire in death

world war with the Allied Central

Commission as part of the pro-

gramme of denazification: decid-

ing who had been affiliated with

the Nazi party and who had not

and could therefore take part in the

formation of the postwar state. He

stayed and married a non-Jewish

German woman, and Ms Bronfen

was brought up in Germany,

although educated at Harvard, "so I have the enemy within me", she

growing realisation that she had stumbled on an important silence in contemporary culture. "Nobody had worked in this "Death is all we have in common with each other, yet there's such a void in the attempt to theorise it. Mortality doesn't exist as a critical concept, but it is as important as desire. It disturbs our social and personal orders and we have to recuperate something from

To the horror of her friends in the

United States, she decided to return

to Germany to do her doctoral

work, a country which for many

American Jews is no more than the

years ago and in that time the

motivation changed from the will

of a young woman to be heard to a

She decided to write the book ten

site of one vast death camp.

In the book she argues that the aesthetic representation of death lets us repress our fear of its reality. By

choosing beautiful women to stand in for death we make it acceptable. People argue, she says, that there are as many images of dead men as there are of women. She disagrees. Men are generally depicted as dead in battle, the fallen hero: the painting of Nelson surrounded by his grieving crew represents the heroic, the glory and the sorrow and the pity of war.

The other often-cited image is of

Christ, but nobody who looks at a crucifixion scene sees a dead body. The crucifixion depicts not death but suffering, transcendence, the promise of an afterlife and redemption.

The one really potent depiction of a dead man is President Kennedy. who, like Marilyn Monroe, has been the object of our projected fantasies; but in the case of Kennedy. Ms Bronfen argues, what we see is the end of an era, the shattering of dreams. He died as a statesman and a father, the victim of a terrible moment of chance and history, whereas Monroe has been reconstituted as the eternal victim who had to die because she was so beautiful. There are now T-shirts, Ms Bronfen says, emblazoned with the photograph taken of the star

after she had been discovered dead. As an associate professor of English at Munich University, Ms Bronfen is close to the source of the central death of the 20th century, the concentration camp inmates whose end was so dispassionately and amorally recorded by the Nazis. She ultimately backed away from discussion of their depiction in the book. These seem to be the truly genderless deaths, she agrees. "and we still feel a shame and a guilt, as if it were indecent to talk about it.

However, Aids may be trans-

forming the traditional aesthetic. The famous photograph of an Aids victim moments before his death which Benetton wanted to use in its advertising bore all the hallmarks of a traditional pietd - the paintings in which Mary cradles the body of her dead son. But with Aids there is no resurrection, no hope: "We're seeing images of men we've never seen before." Ms Bronfen says. "The reduction of the body to bones, the ugliness shows man

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atrician government has not. traditionally, been associated with the extremes of politics. Its practitioners, having lofty val-

ues, tend to look down gently, if firmly, from on high and to dispense their justice with a regard both to their own origins and to the needs of the masses. Margaret Hodge, who last week confirmed that she is about to resign as leader of Islington Borough Council, is, curiously, no exception. For nearly 20 years, she has been associated with the far left of the Labour party, and as com-

missar of the media-proclaimed Socialist Republic of Islington in the early 1980s was widely seen as among the more deranged members of the Bennite Loony Left. And yet - and here's the rub -Mrs Hodge never seriously intended to storm the Winter Palace. A twin-set and pearls woman, without the pearls, all she ever hoped to do was to make a point and improve the "life chances" of the

Today Mrs Hodge, now 48, has hitched her bandwagon to a new gravy train and moved on. From November, she will work four days a week for Price Waterhouse - the accountancy firm that helped regulate the affairs of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International and the one remaining day for the Institute of Public Policy Research. hoping to bring a left-wing perspective" to developments in East-ern Europe. "I have." she says. "a tremendous amount of experience

of managing change."
As ever, she will not be short of cash. Her father, the late Hans Oppenheimer, a Jewish refugee who made a fortune in the steel industry before nationalisation, always ensured she was well-provided for, and both her husbands have been Oxford-educated professionals. She is aware of the obvious

Farewell, the First Lady of Islington

irony here but in classic patrician manner justifies her wealth as a liberating factor that allows her to devote herself to the service of others. "It has made it easy for me to pursue politics. It has made it more like voluntary work." Mention of Elizabeth Fry. the great prison reformer, as a possible precursor, causes her to shake her head. "I am not like those 19th century philanthropists, acting out of a sense of duty. I act out of a

sense of ideology," she says. Had Neil Kinnock won the general election, Mrs Hodge would now be a member of the House of Lords and a government minister, helping to determine the shape of local government. Although approached by "umpteen" constituen-cies to stand for the Commons, she prefered to opt for the unelected second chamber. Why? "Children." (She has four.) "I have worked 60-70-hour weeks for long enough. Now it's their turn to see me."

Notwithstanding this increased familial pull. Mother Hodge this week will be addressing fringe meetings at the Labour party conference in Blackpool, and she will be looking ahead, not back, to the need to construct a sound regional structure in Britain, capable of doing business in the new Europe. Like Ion Iliescu, the former-communist prime minister of Romania, she is firmly in the camp that says, yes, we made mistakes in the past but let us not waste time raking over the coals when there is

hard work to be done. What, though, of John Smith. the newly-elected leader of her party. Does he, as he embarks on the long-haul of removing John Major from Downing Street, enjoy For years Margaret Hodge has been the target of the tabloids has she any regrets now she is leaving Labour's 'cutting edge'?



Going. going: Margaret Hodge, once the scourge of capitalism, will work for Price Waterhouse

her support? She stiffens, "Smith is an exquisite Commons performer. But we do still need" — she scarches for the requisite phrase - "a period of terribly radical change."

Oh dear. Are the leopardess's spots showing through? Is the Loony Left now out among us, stuck with Care in the Community and likely to strike at any moment against the Major-Lamont conspiracy? She considers Islington today - still among the poonst boroughs

in the country, still presenting one of the most striking contrasts between wealth and poverty: "Islington now is at the cutting edge of Labour policy on the left. Drawing on our experience, we can help Labour form its national policies. Reforms, though, must be radical. Things we did then (in the 1980s) which were derided are widely adopted now." She lists them: work-place nurseries, ethnic monitoring, contract compliance, ex-

you're at the radical edge, its always very threatening. How can you be the party of change and still bring the people on to support this change?"

Sitting in the drawing room of her magnificent, four-storey Georgian house, its mantelpiece surmounted by a delicate pub mirror spelling out the legend "Saloon Bar". Mrs Hodge reflects, reluctantly, on past errors, "We were

cocky and confident," she confesses. "Did we heighten racism and make things worse? I don't know. I worry about that now. With our stand on gender awareness, did we alienate women from public life?" Angst briefly fills the room, then disperses. She turns cheerfully to the battles to come. "This country has got to invest in training, education and R&D [research and development]. Labour got it right before the election. All these things. Major is cutting. It's calamitous." She pauses, before careering on. "I would not be surprised to see Keynesianism re-emerge, but Labour remains too centralised in its thinking to grasp the initiative. The party must act to end its Stalinist centralism and paternalism."

She admits that Labour in the 1980s was "a shambles". The fact that it was the time of her own apotheosis does not escape her, but, as with the government after the ERM debacle, there is no apology, only regrets. "We went wrong. We believed you could achieve change through resolutions without bring-ing the people with us. We went wrong in kidding ourselves that the people believed in the services we were seeking to provide. But we still got things done."

She recalls how, as chair of housing in the 1970s, she helped raise the number of dwellings rehabilitated each year from 12 to 1,600 and how the council's opposition to subsequent imposed cuts drew thousands of its supporters onto the streets. When Islington stood firm against rate-capping in the 1980s support in the borough was lukewarm. "Tenants had bad experiences of us as landlords. We were [what else?] paternalistic -

always concerned about how much we were spending, not how much good we were producing." A decade on, Islington is experi-encing further cuts. Neighbour-

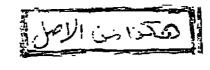
hood officers (housing officials to you) are being "slashed". The first library has been closed. Initiatives in the race and gender fields are being stifled. Mrs Hodge is ap-She worries that, despite her best

efforts, racism is on the increase. "It is one of the horrors of our society as we move towards the end of the century. Critics say, 'why close a library when you could shut down a black group?' "She has no answer but faith — faith and ideology.

Recently, the tabloids have mocked Mrs Hodge for sending her youngest daughter to a school. albeit state-run, outside the borough. She argues that they live close to the school, in Camden, and that attendance there is a family tradition. But the pops, their noses sniffing the air for the slightest whiff of hypocrisy, will not relent.

As our interview comes to its end. woman in the house opposite hangs out an enormous red blanket to dry in the September sunshine. It seems an odd act — almost revolu-tionary in leafy Richmond Crescent - but the house, it turns out, was bought by the council several years back and converted into flats, "with rents that ordinary people can afford". This is Hodgeism in action. She would like to see more of it, with neighbourhood councils controlling their own budgets, almost street by street. She escorts me to the door and opens an immediate conversation with passing neighbours, in this case resolutely middle class. The last I hear of her is her laughter, winging its way good-heartedly down the avenue between the Volvos and the trees.

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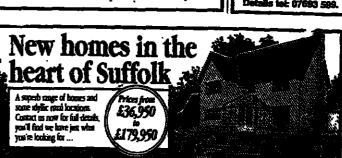
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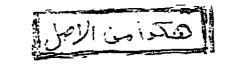
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essential in such a backwater. Property registration and pur-chasing procedures are relatively

The legislation to allow leaseholders to buy their freeholds is inadequate, Charles Boston says On the flaw of the house

andlords and tenants will lobby MPs fiercely now that the consultation period on proposed leasehold reforms has ended. The reforms are to be presented to Parliament in November as part of the housing, land and urban development bill. These reforms, extending the right to "enfranchise" — the right to buy the freehold — have already been fiercely criticised by both groups.

On the tenants' side, groups such as the Enfranchisement League and the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association, although generally supporting the proposals. regard various aspects as inequitable. The landlords, represented by the large family estates, object on the grounds on which they opposed the Leasehold Reform Acc that it constitutes a violation of the sovereignty of private ownership, which is not only enshrined in our (albeit unwritten) constitution, but is also specifically provided for in the European Convention of Human Rights and Civil Liberties, to which the British government is a

The rules regarding cligibility are the focus of criticism. The first rule, that at least 90 per cent of the floor area must be residential, was created to exclude commercial tenants from being able to take action. However, under existing case law, a tenant of a shop with an upper part can be eligible although the residential floor area may be less than 50 per cent. It is therefore argued by the tenants lobby that this would be a regressive provision and contrary to the spirit of the legislation, which, it is supposed, is designed to make enfranchisement

more, and not less, available. The second rule is that the lease originally granted must be for a term exceeding 21 years, a provision which is generally accepted by tenants and landlords alike.

The third rule is that the ground rent must be less than two-thirds of the rateable value if the lease was granted before April 1, 1990, or must be less than £1,000 in Greater London or £250 elsewhere if it was granted on April 1.1990, or later. This is to avoid claims being made by people who are renting property rather than those who have bought a lease. Since it is unheard of to let residential property for more than about two years at a time, the 21year rule effectively makes this provision unnecessary.



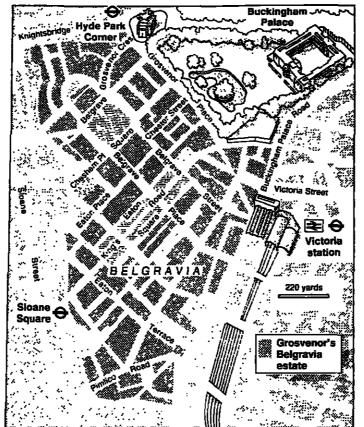
Charles Boston: unfairness

If there is concern to prevent tenants who are renting from qualifying, the logical approach would be to compare the rent agreed at the date of the grant of the lease with the full open-market rental value of the property at the same time. It is illogical to determine whether a rent is an openmarket rent or a ground rent by reference to the rateable value, which is determined at a completely different time.

To ensure consistency, all rateable values relate to one point in time, which, until they were abolished in April 1990, was April 1. 1973. In the period between April 1973 and April 1990 there was enormous inflation in property values and landlords took advantage of this in seeking higher ground rents consistent with the rise in capital values. As a result, a lease of a house granted in 1973 might have a ground rent of £700 a year, whereas if the neighbouring house had a lease granted in 1988, might have a

ground rent of E1,200 a year. Both houses may have rateable values of £1.600 but. despite this, the lease granted in 1973 would qualify and the lease granted in 1988 would not. That sort

of inequity is contrary to the principal aims of this law. There is also the provision for leases granted after April 1, 1990. whereby a ground rent of £1,000 or more in Greater London (£250) elsewhere) will disbar a tenant from taking action. The criticism of this is simply that this new law is intended to bring into qualification



those houses which are presently excluded because they exceed the value limitations. The trouble is that most leases of these higher bracket houses granted after April 1990 have ground rents considerably in excess of £1,000 a year, so the new law will not make any difference to them at all.

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> ing to overcome the two main deficiencies The last important contentious of the existing law. These are firstly issue relates to the method of that it is extremely complicated and determining the enfranchisement secondly that it is arbitrarily disprice. The contention relates to the criminative. Those who presently apportionment of what is known as qualify under either the original 'marriage value". This is the extra provisions of the Leasehold Reform value which either landlord or Act 1967 or under the provisions tenant would obtain if they were to introduced in the Housing Act 1974 will gain nothing under the buy the other's interest. Property is

new law, which will merely add to the confusion and the inequity by adding a new category of eligible claimants with a new set of rules applying to them.

At the moment there are very few valuation surveyors who fully understand the existing provisions. The Estates Gazette, which lists every firm of valuers and surveyors in the United Kingdom, has pre-cisely one firm that puts its name forward as a specialist in Leasehold Reform Act enquiries.

In this context it is not surprising that many claimants are unable to obtain good quality advice and often agree too high a figure rather than take the matter to the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal. This was set up a decade ago to make things easier than a reference to the more formal Lands Tribunal.

failed to achieve its objective as it is still viewed as an intimidating ordeal and, unlike the Lands Tribunal, it does not have jurisdiction over costs, so that even if the cause of the reference is due to unreasonable behaviour by the other side, the side that has been reasonable will still end up paying some costs.
One of the difficulties with this

area of the law is that there is what Lord Denning once described as "an inequality of bargaining pow-The Grosvenor Estate, for example, is so large that, if it were a publicly quoted company, by asset value it would be the eighth largest company in the UK. It owns the Belgravia estate, a large part of Mayfair and has other estates around the country. If there is a precedent at stake, most of the big private estates have both the financial muscle and the incentive to take an action as far as is necessary.

The new legislation must address this issue by at least giving the Leasehold Valuation Tribunal jurisdiction over costs, so that any party who is deliberately uncooperative will be penalised on costs. Principles can sometimes be an expensive luxury and Parliament must ensure that these principles can realistically be put into practice. • The author is a partner of Francis

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shift runway, although a new one is under development. There is not a car in sight. The silence is broken only by the sound of toucans calling and lizards scurrying. Even when the development is completed, the plot ratios

will leave neighbours at least 400 yards apart, screened from noise pollution and still able to enjoy the distinctive sound of the surrounding forest which includes mango and coconut palms.

But the disadvantages are obvious. The Brazilians face a monthly inflation rate of 25 per cent. Armed guards patrol the development. Rio de Janeiro is a 12 hour flight from London. It is a further three-hour llight to the Outeiro Das Brisas (Hill Breeze) in Porto Seguro. where the Portuguese first landed almost 500 years ago. A private jet would be useful.

Against these odds, 20 of the 340 plots have been sold to Europeans. mainly Italians, attracted by the prospect of a little bit of unspoilt paradise compared with their own over-run rivieras. Brazil's leading environmentalists and architects. such as Ricardo Salem, have hacked the scheme. Salem is so impressed that he has instigated the Quadrilatero, a multi-millionpound project, to turn the area into an environmental protection zone. Far from chopping down trees,

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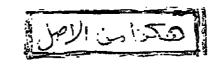
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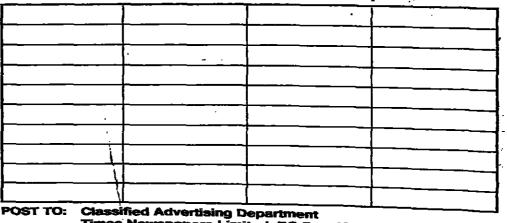
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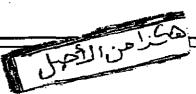
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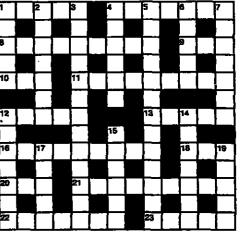
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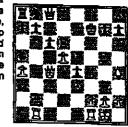
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7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Raskin

9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show hosted by Bill Coshy (s)

12.00 The Stars. The first of a six-part series in which Heather Couper

1.30 Eureeka's Castle. Children's music and cartoons programme (r)

2.00 Great Russian Writers. The life and works of Anton Chekov.

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Brough Scott introduces live coverage of the Hunter Price Partnership Handicap (2.35); the Rous Stakes (3.05); the Tattersalls Cheveley Park Stakes (3.40); and

the EBF Fillies' Nursery Handicap Stakes (4.10) (34505547)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving knock out general knowledge quaz The question-master is William G. Stewart (672)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. A discussion on the plight of divorced

5.55 The Bunbury Tails. Animated adventures of a group of sporting rabbits (s) (37.3566) 6.00 Treasure Hunt. Anneka Rice gushes around the Chiltern Countryside in search of hidden treasure (r). (Teletext) (50 108) 7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi in London and Jon Snow at

mothers bringing up children who join their fathers when teenagers (7134672)

the Labour party conference in Blackpool. (Teletext) Weather

Fill her up: Steven Pinder, Kenneth MacDonald (8.00pm)

8.00 Brookside. Soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)

8.30 Inspector Morse: Driven to Distraction. The cerebral, irascible detective investigates a seemingly motiveless murder and faces up to the possibility of being pared from his beloved laguar. Staming

10.30 Packing Them In. Variety acts introduced by Jenny Edair, Frank Skinner, Roger Mann and Kevin Eldon. Tonight's guests are stand-

Sing and Polly Zabreski (s) (313363) 11.15 The Prisoner. Episode two of the cult 1960s mystery series starring

12.15am The Steve Allen Show. American satirical comedy show from the 1950s. With Bob Hope, Gene Nelson and Olsen and Johnson

12.40 Film: Kaagaz Ke Phool (1959). A Hindi drama about a film director whose life is falling apart. Starring and directed by Guru. Dutt (78395642). Ends at 3.20

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12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning sence (1) (62108)

narrated by Alan Dobie. (Teletext) (86264105)

examines man's changing relationship with the stars (r) (reletize).

Brown leading the debate on the economy (48363)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (4113547) 10.05 Playdays (r) (9925585) 10.25 Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) (4116634)

10.35 Labour Party Conference 92. Further coverage of the debate on the state of the economy. Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (82678059) 12.55 Regional News and weather (40217158)

1.00 One O'Clock News, (Ceefax) Weather (11382) 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43651769) 1.50 Eldorado (r). (Ceefax)

2.20 Hawaii Five-O. Steve McGarrett and his team help a nightdub singer who takes the law into his own hands after he is framed on a sabotage charge (5898856) 3.10 Pot Black. Against the clock snooker tournament (3205450)

3.35 Cartoon Double Bill (4048382) 3.50 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour (s) (8563721) 4.00 Radio Roo (r) (6069059) 4.10 Potsworth & Co. Animation (6010769) 4.35 What's That Noise? The Tracy brothers listen to Mersey sounds (s) (8242740)

5.00 Newsround (2681653) 5.05 Grange Hill. Drama serial set in a secondary school (r). (Ceefax) (s) (9503214)
 5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (898924). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (127)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (479). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report on Project Urquhart, a sonal technology-based investigation of Loch Ness. (Ceefax) (s) (363)



Well-groomed: Mark Greenstreet runs the stables (8.00pm)

 CHOICE: The horseracing soap returns for a second series, surrounded with promises to do better. The first series, it will be recalled, was a tepid affair which drew modest audiences. This time, we are assured, there will be stronger characterisation and "spicy new storylines". There is little evidence of these refurbishments in tonight's episode. David McCallum and Susannah York still wander around to little purpose. The eponymous hero (Mark Greenstreet) continues to look like a male model. At least the show's Mr Nasty (Patrick Ryecart) is back, and for male chauvinists there is an eye-catching new merchant banker (Claire Oberman) with a different wardrobe for every scene. But the writing is hackneyed and not even a Robert Maxwell-type story of a

missing financier can stir the interest. (Ceefax) (s) (779363) 8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s) (671585) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (4740) 9.30 Inside Story: The Assassin.

 CHOICE: Christopher Olgiati's gripping documentary tells the story of Michael Townley, a hit man for the Chilean secret police. A child of comfortable middle America, Townley went to Chile as a young man with his family, came under the spell of a neo-Nazi called Mariana, married her, and became committed to the overthrow of the Mandst president Allende. When General Pinochet did the job for him, Townley was employed by the new fascist regime to eliminate its enemies. With the help of Townley himself, filmed in hiding in the United States, the programme reconstructs some of his more notorious exploits, including attacks on prominent Pinochet opponents in Washington and Rome. The FBI called Townley "the very essence of evil". He says he only did what the British would have done to Goebbels. (Ceefax) (139943) 10.25 Film: McQ (1974) staming John Wayne. An unorthodox policeman

resigns when he is taken off the case investigating the killing of his partner. He joins forces with a private detective friend to continue the investigation unofficially. Directed by John Sturges (930522) 2.15am Weather (4056420). Ends at 12.20

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2.15 RBC Select: Accountancy Television (576246). Ends at 3.15

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6.45 Open University: Mathematical Models and Methods (6490092). Ends at 7.10

8.00 Breakfast News (11721) 8.15 Arthur Negus Enjoys. With Hermione Waterfield, Arthur Negus enjoys the collection of miniatures housed in Berkeley Castle,

Gloucestershire (r) (9700585) 8.30 Play Better Golf. Advice from Peter Alliss (r) (10092)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (34745653) followed by You and Me (r) (40394276)

2.15 Labour Party Conference 92. Further live coverage of the third day's proceedings which include the debates on local government, the council tax and housing. Presented by Donald MacCormick, Vivian White and Jain MacWhirter. Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (4150634)

5.30 Bumping Along the Bottom. A behind-the-scenes look at the work of Paul Finn, a Leeds-based insolvency practitioner (r) (856) 6.00 Star Trek. Sex rears its ugly head on the starship Enterprise and unsettles the crew when Captain Kirk rescues a con artist who is accompanied by three stunningly beautiful women. Starring William Shatner and Leonard Nimoy (681653)

6.50 DEF II begins with Wayne's World. American comedy series (322127) 7.00 Rough Guides to Careers. Steve Carson and Kuddip Dhadda check out job prospects in industries connected ith the air (898301) 7.40 The Shetland Sessions. Aly Bain introduces music from the 1991 Shetland Folk Festival, including Willie Hunter and Leonard Scollay

8.10 A Diplomat in Japan. The second and final part of a Timewatch

(s) (295634) documentary drama based on the memoirs of British diplomat Ernest Satow. Starring Alan Parnaby (773189)



Joy-riders: Michael Liebmann, Bronagh Gallagher (9.00pm)

 9.00 ScreenPlay: You, Me and Marley (1992).
 ◆ CHOICE: A trenchant drama by Graham Reid, best-known for the Billy plays, is set in West Belfast, and follows three teenage joyriders as they successfully flout the authority of the police and army but get their comeuppance from the IRA. As usual with Reid it is a sharply written piece, as convincing as a documentary and with as much humour as the grim subject will allow. The central performances, by Bronagh Gallagher (from the film The Commitments), Marc O'Shea and Michael Liebmann, are so natural you forget they are actors. The difficulty with the film as drama is expectation with the variety "had a support the commitments". empathising with the young "heroes". Reid says much about the horrors of growing up in a society which is out of control. You, Me and Marley is permeated with hopelessness. Victims the trio may be, but does this excuse stealing cars and using them as lethal toys?

(Ceefax) (2483479) 10.25 Fifth Column. The first in a new series of personal points of view on topical matters (600818)

10.30 Newshight with Francine Stock (328295) 11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (244562)

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2.45 America's Top Ten presented by Richard Blade (s) (46994) 3.15 Videofashion (53343245)

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9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker

10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series (7661030)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on consumer affairs, family law and Jane Asher on the history and uses of herbs. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news

12.10 Allsorts. For the very young (f) (s) (5448214)
12.30 Lunchthme News with Sonia Ruseler and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle)

Weather (2416943) 1.05 Thames News (69738856)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (899081) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (249522)

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2.15 Graham Kerr. The chef prepares a crepe dish, served with chicken, celery and a creamy wine sauce (194473) 2.45 Take the High Road. Drama serial set in the Highlands (9793978)
3.10 ITN News headlines (4115769) 3.15 Thannes News headlines (4107740) 3.20 The Young Doctors. Drama serial set in an Australian city hospital (3210382)
3.50 Bugs Bunny. Cartoon (3008450) 3.55 Rupert. Animated adventures of the hero of Nutwood (5788721) 4.20 Grotbags starring Carol Lee-Scott as the green-haired witch (s) (8461479) 4.40 Children's Ward. Drama series set in a large hospital (r). (Oracle) (s) (9939905)

Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (9597653)

Bringing celebrities to book: Michael Aspel (7.00pm)

policeman, returns to Beverly Hills on the trail of a group of thugs who are responsible for a series of violent robbenes. Directed by

7.00 This is Your Life. Michael Aspel returns with a new series of the

potted biography show (s) (3653)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (289)
8.00 Film: Beverly Hills Cop II (1987) starring Eddie Murphy, Judge Reinhold and Jurgen Prochnow. Axel Foley, the streetwise Detroit

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather (19363) 10.30 Thames News (998653)

10.40 The European March. Highlights of this evening's European cup first round, second leg match at Elland Road between Leeds United and Vfb Stuttgart, introduced by lan St John. The commentators

11.35 Hollywood Report. Gossip from movieland (774295)
12.05 Film: The Last Ride of the Dalton Gang (1979) staming Cliff

Potts, Randy Quaid and Larry Wilcox. A made-for-television western about the exploits of the infamous gang of horse thieves, train and bank robbers who are depicted as brainless morons.

are Brian Moore and Ron Atkinson (1607011)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (263437)

at 11.55 followed by national weather (9304837)

(6834566) 9.55 Thames News (7304295)

6.00 TV-am (5230547)

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5.55 Thames Help (r) (375924)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (295) 6.30 Thames News (547)

5.10 Blockbust

Directed by Dan Curtis (15914772)

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edy starring Dan Aykroyd (35498) 2.00pm: Simful Davy (1969): Period ro-mance starring John Hurt (32740) 4.00 Aons High (1976): Second world war News on the hour.
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5.50 Buddy's Song (as 10am) (51505059)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (939553)
8.00 Mr Destiny (1990): Cornedy in which Janes Behshi's life is transformed (24721)
14.00 Chicago Joe and the Showght (1989): Kiefer Sutherland and Emily Lloyd seek thrills in warnime London (651363)
11.45 Blue Angel Cafe (1988): Fatal Attraction-style drama (765108) 11.45 Base Angel Care (1965): *Alai Attraction-style drams (765108) 1.20am The Woman Who Sknad (1991): Susan Luci s a murder suspect (5736826) 2.50 Payhadk (1990): A man averages his brother's murder (7253710) 4.20 Body Rock (1984): A successful dancer deserts his friends (507246). Ends at 5.55

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7.50 Ben Hur (1959): Biblical epic staming Charton Heston (90357585) 71.20 Children of the Bride (1990): Rue McClanshan marres younger man Patrick Duffy (44055214)

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(700059)
8.15 Green Card (1990): Romantic comedy starring Gefard Departieu and Ancie Mac-Dowel (54764924)
10.10 Miller's Crossing (1990): Gangster drama starring Gabeel Byrne (401818)
12.10am Surriset Beat (1990): Adventures with the California police (719178)
1.50 Comes a Horseman (1978): Cattle baron Jason Robards menaces ranchers Jane Ronda and James Cana (743994)
3.50 Bullishot (1983): Parody of Buildog Drummond (7874352), Ends at 5.15

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

 Vis the Astra satellite
 4.00pm Mr Ed (7156) 4.30 Punky Brewster
 (9382) 5.00 Greenaures (8659) 5.30 The
 Lucy Show (7914) 6.00 The Burns and Allen
 Show (7547) 6.30 Three's Company (1127)
 7.00 Car 54, Where Are You? (8455) 7.30 7.00 Car 54, Whete Are You? (8455) 7.30 Barney Miller (2081) 8.00 Doctor, Doctor (9653) 8.30 Homeroom (8160) 9.00 Ho-gar's Neroes (70450) 9.30 The Lucy Show (74837) 10.06 Kids in the Hall (43479) 10.30-11.00 Barney Miller (52127)

FM Stereo and MW. 6.00am Smon Mayo 9.00 The Birthday Train with Smon Bates 12.30pm Newsbest 12.45 Jakic Brambles 3.00 Steve Wright So Far 6.00 Mark Goodier's Mega Hirs 6.30 News '92 7.00 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Man Ezeke 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Bob Harris (PM only) 4.00am Bruno Brookes (PM only)

FM Stereo. 6.15am Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Kan Humiltord 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Law Game 7.30 Jun MacLeod's Scottish Dance Party 8.00 Jim Lloyd 9.00 A Silver Celebration: A concert to mark the twenty-fit answersary of Radio 2 10.00 Music from the Jewish Tradition (1/6) 10.30 The Jameson 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 4.00 Alex Lester

News and Sport on the hour until 7,00pm, 6,00pm World Service: Newshour 6,30 Danny Baker's Morning Edition 9,00 Schools: Topic Resources 7-9; 9.15 Dance Workshop, 9.35 Verse Universe; 9.45 Time and Tune; 10.05 Drama Workshop 10.25 Wiggly Park 10.30 Johnnie Walker 12.30pm Refucation Matters 1.00 News Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1,25 BFBS Workshode 2.30 Sporesbeat. Racing from Newmarket 3.05 Rous Stakes; 3.40 Tattersals Cheveley Park Stakes 4.30 Five Aside 6.30 STARS (8/20) 7.15 The Sniff Stories, by lan Whybrow 7.30 Gary Lineker's Football Night 10.10 Hit the North, and 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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VARIATIONS

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CENTRAL

As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (899081) 1.45 Home and Away (249522)

Lafon, mezzo, françoise Tillard, piano; Lieder für das Pianotorte, Op 6 Nos 3 and 4:

(Welcome to the Queen); Tallis (Spem in alium); Maxwell Davies (Concert Suite, Caroline

Bluebird); Cipriani Potter (Symphony No 10 in G minor); Vaughan Williams (Romance

Mathiide); Ireland (Amberley Wild Brooks); Stanford (The

for harmonica and strings):

Purcell (When I am laid in earth, Dido and Aeneas);

Britten (Chacony, String Quartet No 2); Walton (Spitfire Prelude and Fugue) 12.00 South American Discoveries: BBC Welsh

Symphony Orchestra under Manuel Prestamo performs Alida Terzian (Canto a mi

misma); Leo Brouwer (Concierto Elegiaco; Carlos Bonnell, guitar); Moncayo

Bonnell, guitar); Moncayo (Huapango)

1.00 News

1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
Concert, live from Pebble Mill.
Timothy Hugh, cello, and
Yonty Solomon, piano,
perform Poulenc (Sonata);
Dutilleux (Trois strophes sur le
nom de Sacher); Beethoven
(Sonata in C, Op 102 No 1)

2.00 Record Review (r)

3.30 A Third Look Back: The last
of three programmes in which
Peter Barker traces the history
of the BBC's ersembles.

Peter Barker traces the history of the BBC's ensembles. Tippett (Steal Away, A Child of Our Time: BBC Singers; BBC Choral Society, BBC SO); Lambert (Palindromic Prefude, Horoscope: BBC Concert Orchestra); Shostakovich (Festival Overture: BBC Weish)

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Pianoforte, Óp 6 Nos 3 and 4:
Liana Serbescu, piano); Felix
Mendelssohn (Verleih uns
Freiden gnädiglich: La
Chapelle Royale Collegium
Vocale; Ersemble Orchestral
de Parts under Philippe
Herreweghe; Gondellied, Op
19 No 6, Lleder ohne Worte:
Daniel Barenboim, piano;
Symphony No 4 in A, Italian:
Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra
under Kurt Masur)
10,00 Midwweek Choice: Biss
(Welcome to the Queen); Talils

SO); Harty tim trish Symphony, 2nd movement: Ulster Orchestra); Schoenberg (Friede auf Erden: BBL Singers); Britten (Four Sea Interhudes: Dawn, Peter Glimes: BBC SO) 4.90 Choral Evensoing, live from Civerpool Cathedral Solid in Tune: Jerem Nicholas presents news and music. His guest is Garrison/Keillor, the American writer and broadcaster 7.00 On Air: Andrew Lyle presents 9.00 Consposers of the Week: The Mendelssohns — Fanny and Fefix, Italien: Brigitte Mendelssohn (Italien: Brigitte

As L5:don of the 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (959765) .00 Coast to Coast (295) 6.30-7.00 Blood ters (547) RADIO 3

American writer and broadcaster 1
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7.30 The British Line, Live from the Festival Hall, Lipindon, BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis performs Goehr (Little Symphony); Frokofiev (Vlolin Concerto No! 1 in D: Joshua Bell), 8.30 An Immaculate Mistake! Paul Ballau raark from his

Immaculate Mistake) Paul Balley reads from his autobiography (r). 8.50 Vaughan Williams (A London Symphony, Symphony No 2) 0 Unvertor: ● CHOICE: The three strings to Adam Thorne's brass that

to Adam Thorpe's bow tha are impressively employed here are those of novelist, poet and actor. The first two are familiar to those who have

are iamiliar to prose with have read his novel Ulverton in which he re-presents 300 years of actual history in terms of imagined life in a village on the West Sussex downs. On

two successive nights, Thorpe is reading from the novel's

first chapter, set in 1650. Very subtly, using conjugal deprivation as the link, he

equates the fates of a shepherd and his long-lost

shepherd and his long-lost friend, returning home after soldlering under Cromwell 10.00 Brazilian Impressions, Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez performs Milhaud (Chamber Symphony No 1, Le Printemps; Chamber Symphony No 2, Pastorale); Villa-Lobos (Chôro No 7); Milhaud (Ballet, L'Homme et son Désir)

son Désir)
10.45 Night Waves: Denis Healey
talis about his latest book to

Hernione Lae

11.30 Reethoven and Bartok
Quartets: The Endellion
Quartet performs Beethoven
(Quartet in C minor, Op 18 No

(Quarter in C marter, Up 18 M 4): Bartok (Quarter No 6) 12.30am News 12.35 Close 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.00 Night School Extre

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5-35am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, ind 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6-25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.45 Business
News 6.55, 7.55 Weather
7-25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45
Thought for the Day 8.43 The
Queen and 1, by Sue
Townsend. Read by Miriam
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and birthday guest Patricia
Hodge (s)
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10.00-10.30 Keep it Clean (FM only): Laurence Alster
examines the history of toilet

examines the nistory of toner
paper
10.00 Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Buriyan (23/25)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Cheryl
Armitage investigates why the number of bables in Britain
born by Caesarian Section is
increasinn, and 11.00 News

11.30 Gardeness Question Time: A postbag edition with Clay lones and experts (7) 12.00 You and Yours, with John

12.25pm The Wooden Horse: Dig 2.25pm The Wooden Horse: Dig for Victory: Third of a six-part adaptation by Mark Power of Eric Williams's wardine escape story (s) 12.55 Weather 1.60 The World at One, with James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55

Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Mum's the Word

• CHOICE: Brian Miller's black comedy about an international epidemic of murdered husbands, all victims of bored

husbands, all victims of bored wives, begins promisingly with the well-maintened shooting by Partica Hodge (an actress one carnot imagine behaving in an Ill-mannered way) of her tedious spouse (Gordon Reid). Thereafter, the play lurches from one wildly improbable situation to the next. The reason it is recommended as today's Radio 4 choice is that the seemingly respectable aurit is played by the late Maxine Audley, a veteran of radio drama, whose swansong this is (s)

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2.47 Rich Pickings: Wind.
Rosemary Leach and Michael
Fitzgerald read poetry and
prose about the weather (t)
3.00 File on 4 (r)
3.42 Profile: Mark Tuliy talks to
Swami Agnivesh, India's bestknown Hindu monk
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope talks to Roland
Joffe about his film The City of
Joy, which is set in Calcutta
and stars Patrick Swayze and
Pauline Collins; reviews the
film Carry on Columbus; and
searches for long-lost British
film classics (s)
4.45 Short Story: Black Snow
Falling, by Bernadette
Crostinware, Read by
Elizabeth Mansfield
5.00 PM with Valene Singleton and
Hugh Sykes 5.50 Shipping
Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Outer London
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6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Round Britain Quiz: London v Scotland (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s) 7.20 Face the Facts: John Waite

7.45 All in the Mind (r)
8.15 Talking About Music:
Antony Hopkins explores
Schumann songs (s)
8.45 In Business: The Intensive
Care Unit Dater Date

8.45 In Business: The Intensive
Care Unit, Peter Day
Investigates how banks are
trying to stop corporate
casualties during the
recession. But only a few firms
can be nursed back to health
9.15 Kaleidoscope (5) (7)
9.45 The Financial World
Tonight, with Linda Lewis (s)
9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with
Alexander MacLeod (5)

Alexander MacLeod (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking at the Gates, by James Campbell, Read by John Branwell (8/10) (s) 11.00 Cold Print: Christopher

Matthew flicks through the pages of the defunct pages of the defunct
magazine The Sketch (r)

11.30 Hoaxd Derek Nimmo, Irene
Thomas and lan Wallace tell
tall stories. Tim Brooke-Taylor:
has to guess who is telling the
bruth (1/3) (s) (r)

12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27
Weather 12.33 Shipping
Forecast 12.43 As World
Service (LW only)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m; FM-97.5-99.8.
Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m, LBC: 1152kHz/1515m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM-94.9; World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Classic FM-84.100.105

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